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Rail link with Jeddah likely

RIYADH, Feb. 1 — The rebuilt Hejaz Railway from Damascus to Medina may be linked to Jeddah or Riyadh. As the Ministry of Communications moves into the Third Plan, it will be studying connecting the cities of the Kingdom with an integrated rail network.

Dr. Mohideen Kayyal, the deputy minister responsible for transport in the Ministry of Communications, discussed Saudi Arabia's railway plans with *Arab News*, after the award last week of the \$4.5 million feasibility study for rebuilding the Hejaz line.

He said it is possible that the new line, to be built on standard gauge to give the Kingdom a link to the European system, will run down the Red Sea coast before turning inland to Medina. But it is not certain that the line will be built at all. (Full story on page 2)

India continues efforts to defuse Afghan crisis

NEW DELHI, Feb. 1 (AP) — India is continuing diplomatic initiatives to defuse the situation in Afghanistan. External Affairs Minister P.V. Nambhida Rao said Friday.

"We have kept our diplomatic initiative intact," Rao told cheering members of Parliament in a brief speech ending a listless hour-long debate on the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. He did not elaborate.

During the debate, members of the opposition and the ruling party of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi criticized both the United States and Soviet Union for their respective roles in the region.

Madhavrao Scindia, a member of Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party, and a former prime, warned against the "old dreams of Czarist Russia of warm water ports."

Scindia also criticized U.S. special envoy Clark Clifford's visit to India, saying the United States will not be able to keep track of how new arms to Pakistan will be used.

India has criticized the American stand, saying that past experience has shown that U.S. arms for Pakistan have always been used against this country. It has also declared its opposition to foreign armed intervention.

Scindia also appealed to Iran to release the U.S. hostages being held at the American embassy in Tehran and demanded that Moscow "bow to world opinion of Afghanistan, and pull its troops out."

"Moscow cannot hold the lid on Afghanistan for all time," he said.

Mrs. Gandhi was present during the debate but did not speak.

While Marxist communists and members of the pro-Soviet Communist Party of India defended the Soviet action and hit out at "U.S. imperialism," former railway minister Madhu Dandavate warned against a swing toward one superpower or the other.

"We cannot allow a tilt in non-alignment policy like the leaning tower of Pisa," Dandavate of the opposition Janata Party declared. He called for a withdrawal of the Soviet forces from the central Asian country.

Meanwhile, an Afghan political leader in exile in New Delhi said Friday that 200 of his Social Democrat Party members imprisoned under the late Afghan leader Hafizullah Amin were missing and may have been executed.

Party Secretary-General Amin Wakman, who met visiting Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, said the Social Democrat's chairman Ghulam Muhammad Farhad had been released with 600 other political prisoners from Kabul's notorious Pul-E-Charkhi prison on Jan. 7.

"But we discovered that 200 of our party members who were imprisoned under the regime of Hafizullah Amin are missing and we fear they have been executed," Wakman said.



Queen quits, Dutch taken by surprise

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 1 (AP) — Queen Juliana, 70, said she would abdicate in favor of her daughter Princess Beatrix.

The Queen, in the 32nd year of her reign, had previously given every indication she was in no hurry to hand over to her eldest daughter.

Then she went on TV Thursday night with a shock announcement known only to her closest advisers until shortly before the event.

The cabinet with the exception of Premier Andries Van Agt and Vice Premier Hans Wiegel was not told until two hours before her TV address.

The average Dutch citizen was also caught napping, although speculation about the Queen's plans had circulated for years.

Prime Minister Van Agt led a flood of tributes to Juliana. He told radio listeners and television viewers that while the nation respected her decision to abdicate, "Our deep affection for her makes it hard for us to accept it."

The monarchy has long been regarded as a vital unifying factor in the Netherlands, where society has been traditionally polarized in both the political and religious fields.

The Netherlands' top comedian Wim Kan, summed up many Dutch people's feelings when he said several years ago: "I am all in favor of a republic, but only if Juliana is its president."

The move means a substantial shift in personalities at the head of the Dutch royal family. Queen Juliana has been widely loved as a grandmotherly, deeply religious figure with a distaste for pomp.

Crown Princess Beatrix, who received her primary school education in Canada during World War II, is regarded as a determined, dynamic woman who is not likely to be content with a figurehead role.

Beatrix's accession to the throne is expected to bring about a marked change in the style of the monarchy.

Hebron under curfew Parties to 'intensify' autonomy negotiations

HERZLIA, Israel, Feb. 1 (AP) — Representatives of Israel, Egypt and the United States agreed Friday to accelerate their negotiations on Palestinian autonomy and claimed to have made unspecified progress in a two-day round of talks.

The chief Israeli delegate, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, read a joint communiqué at a formal session that was delayed until the end of the talks while Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil met informally with the American Mideast envoy, Special Ambassador Sol Linowitz, in a seaside hotel in the Tel Aviv suburb of Herzlia.

The three will meet again this month at a time and place still to be determined, Burg said, and meanwhile lower-level representatives will speed up consideration of the powers and responsibilities to be granted to an autonomous Palestinian administration of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Egypt's delegation head, Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, was more guarded in his replies to the closing plenary session and to a subsequent press conference.

He did not refer directly to progress but thanked Linowitz for his ideas and expressed "confidence" that an agreement would be reached.

Delegation sources said that wide disagreement remained on the central issue in the negotiations. This is the question of what powers and responsibilities should be accorded the Palestinians when they are given self-rule in the West Bank of Jordan and Gaza.

Linowitz met the mayor of Gaza on Wednesday and called it an "immensely helpful" meeting with a Palestinian leader in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Linowitz, traveled to the home of Mayor Rashad Shawa for a private talk that lasted over an hour.

Most Palestinian leaders refused to meet Linowitz because they oppose the autonomy scheme, which falls short of Arab demands for an independent Palestinian state.

Shawa, 70, said he agreed to the meeting because "it has always been my policy to meet anyone who wants to meet me and tell our national stand...I am convinced this positive attitude is more useful."

But the Gaza mayor, who recently returned from meetings with Palestine Liberation Organization leaders in Lebanon, said the discussion did not raise his hopes of progress toward solving the Palestinian question.

Meanwhile, an Arab attacker killed a Jewish settler from nearby Kiryat Arba threatened revenge for the murder.

The killing heightened tensions in the town.

Palestinian youths in Hebron Friday stoned a synagogue and burned tires in the streets, defying the curfew clamped on the town.

Troops broke up the demonstration and arrested several of the youths, the state radio reported. By mid-afternoon, the streets were deserted as soldiers continued their hunt for the attacker.

Carter support draws fire among Israelis

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1 (AP) — Israeli President Yitzhak Navon Friday called Defense Minister Ezer Weizman's support for President Jimmy Carter's re-election "a grievous mistake."

Navon's remark to American Jewish fundraisers in Jerusalem followed a series of protests by U.S. Republicans and Democrats reported in the Israeli news media. According to the state radio, Republican presidential candidates registered their protests with the Israeli embassy in Washington, and Mark Siegel, aide to Democratic candidate Edward Kennedy, complained to Prime Minister Menachem Begin in a meeting last week.

Navon, in answer to a question, said, "Unlike the minister of defense, I do not meddle in American politics. I'm sorry, it was a grievous mistake."

Reduced from \$3.45b U.S. may cut Israeli aid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter's administration told Congress it decided not to fill all of Israel's \$3.45 billion aid request this year partially because of a desire to prompt Israel to get its economic house in order.

"We looked at this with a great deal of agony, looking at Israel's needs which are genuine," said Assistant Secretary of State Harold H. Saunders.

He said the decision was made to limit Israel's request to lower but still substantial — aid levels partially because of U.S. budget constraints.

But he indicated there also was a desire to begin weaning Israel from dependence on extremely high foreign aid.

"There is a recognition in this administration and I think in Israel, too that the easy solution for Israel to meet its problems is by our increasing our aid," Saunders said.

He said there is recognition in both countries that would lead to increased dependence for Israel "in ways that are not healthy."

The State Department official appeared before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East in support of a \$1.98 billion aid request for Israel for fiscal 1981.

This includes \$785 million in economic support and \$1 billion in foreign military sales credits.

In addition, the administration is requesting a \$200 million increase in the \$2.2 billion special loan guarantees authorized last year as part of the Mideast peace package. The money is earmarked to help Israel redeploy its forces from the Sinai desert which is being turned back to Egypt.

Saunders said the Carter administration believes this level of funding should enable Israel to meet its priority defense requirements and to continue to enjoy a significant margin of military superiority over any combination of potential opponents.

Saunders said there is "no question" that Israel faces very serious economic problems and said the United States will keep its decision under review "in the light of developments in the region."

Linowitz in Riyadh for policy briefing

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Feb. 1 — American special ambassador to the Middle East Sol Linowitz arrived here Friday from Palestinian autonomy talks in Herzlia, Israel.

American officials told *Arab News* that Linowitz will consult with Crown Prince Fahd and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal as part of an ongoing discussion between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

In London, Linowitz has met already with Jordan's King Hussein about the autonomy talks.

"He will seek to show that President Carter's interest in peace talks has not flagged," one source said. "He will aim at dispelling any impressions that President Carter has lost interest in making progress in the autonomy talks between Egypt and Israel."

Linowitz is one of three foreign policy advisors that President Jimmy Carter is sending to Saudi Arabia to discuss developments in the Middle East. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's assistant for national security affairs, and Warren Christopher, deputy secretary of State, will visit Islamabad, Pakistan, Saturday and Sunday, and then come to Riyadh.

Talks in Riyadh are scheduled to focus on responses to Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

The Associated Press meanwhile, said Friday the United States has offered \$400 million of military and economic aid to Pakistan, which also receives assistance from Saudi Arabia.

Accompanying the party to Pakistan will be David McGiffert, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs. He will remain in Islamabad with a Pentagon delegation after the others go to Saudi Arabia.

An administration official, who asked not to be identified, said the high-level nature of the delegation meant the discussions would go beyond aid questions and encompass longer-range responses.

Renewing U.S. military aid to Pakistan has been under discussion since Soviet troops marched into neighboring Afghanistan in force in late December.

Despite joint opposition to the Soviet thrust into Afghanistan, the United States and Pakistan have been unable to agree on the details of the U.S. aid package.

Pakistan's President, Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq, has denied the current American offer as "peanuts," saying it does not go far enough to meet Pakistan's needs. The Carter administration has refused to increase its offer, saying Pakistan will be getting aid from several countries opposed to the Soviet move.

The Pakistanis also have said they want to renegotiate the 1959 agreement on defense which they have found inadequate in the past.

It obligates the United States only to take steps which are "mutually acceptable" in the event of an attack on Pakistan. It did not force the United States to intervene on Pakistan's side during wars with India in 1964 and 1971. And it did not prevent the United States from cutting off military and economic aid in 1979 in a dispute over Pakistan's nuclear weapons program.

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Syrians pull out from South region

Four killed in North Lebanon

BEIRUT, Feb. 1 (AP) — Four Christian militiamen were killed during intermittent clashes in northern Lebanon between the country's two major rightist parties, police reported.

The report said the four were killed in the village of Ehmej, 27 miles northeast of here, during a clash between militiamen of the Phalange Party and followers of the National Liberal Party.

Spokesmen for the two parties, however, stressed the clash was "due to minor differences between unruly elements and not a confrontation between the two parties."

The Phalange Party of Pierre Gemayel fielded the largest Christian militia during Lebanon's 1975-76 civil war. The NLP, led by former President Camille Chamoun, is the second-largest Christian militia which joined forces with the Phalangists during the sectarian strife to fight a coalition of Palestinian commandos and Lebanese Nationalist Muslim militias.

Commenting on the clashes, Lebanese Premier Selim Hoss said Wednesday night the government's position on the "regrettable events" was clear and unequivocal.

This called for the security forces, especially the army, to assume "full and effective" responsibility for maintaining order in the region, he said.

It was now up to party leaders to cooperate with the authorities to help the army carry out its security duties, Dr. Hoss added.

In the southern city of Tyre, Syrian troops serving in Lebanon as Arab League peacekeepers have pulled out of the coastal region south of Sidon to concentrate in the Bekaa Valley near the Syrian border.

But Lebanese officials dismiss Israeli press reports of a big Palestinian and Syrian military buildup in South Lebanon.

"These reports are part of the psychological war going on," Ghassan Haidar, governor of the Tyre region, told Reuters Thursday. "I made a tour of the region yesterday and all was quiet."

Haidar said that the Syrian troops, sent to halt Lebanon's 1975-76 civil war, had pulled out of the coastal region south of Sidon, and the Sidon barracks have been taken over by Lebanese Army regulars.

But Defense Minister Ezer Weizman said Thursday that the Israeli army had taken "certain steps" to counter a possible threat on its northern border with Syria.

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Deputy minister interviewed

Hejaz Railway may connect to Jeddah, Riyadh

By Nigel Harvey

RIYADH, Feb. 1 — It is "certainly possible" that if the Hejaz Railway is rebuilt it will be linked to Jeddah or Riyadh, deputy minister of communications responsible for transport, Dr. Mohieddin Kayyal says. "We have the plan now for the internal network in the Kingdom that goes from the east to the west. That must be taken into consideration."

A West German consortium of Dorsch Consult and the state railway organization, Deutsche Bundesbahn, was last week awarded a \$4.5 million feasibility study on rebuilding on standard gauge the 1,300

kilometer Hejaz line from Damascus to Medina.

The award was made in Amman by the tripartite Committee for the Re-commissioning of the Hejaz Railway, which is made up of the ministers of communications and transport from Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Syria, Hussein Mansouri, Ali Suhtaimat and Muharram Tabbarth.

The study is expected to take ten months, after which the committee will reconvene to decide whether to go ahead with the project, Dr. Kayyal said.

But he stressed that it is not a foregone

conclusion: "If we are certain that it is economic and viable why should we make a study?"

"For a project of this magnitude we have to have a well-prepared study on economic, social and technical viability, and the need of air and road services with or without the railway. The ministry might settle for expanding road and air services to the area. The existing road is not a full highway."

"Their (the consultants') main purpose is to study the railway. But for our purposes, to be convinced that we should rebuild a railway, we should consider which is the best transport. We may also serve the area by another mode of transport. We are not yet in a position to decide which is best for the area."

Because "times have changed and new industry has been built," Dr. Kayyal said it was "very likely" a new coastal route would be considered, particularly with the planned industrialization at Yanbu. The consultants will not just concentrate on the present track.

The old narrow-gauge pilgrim line from Damascus to Medina was opened in 1908. During the World War I it was used to supply a Turkish garrison at Medina, but was largely destroyed by Arab nationalists.

Since then the Saudi Arabian section has remained in disrepair despite attempts in the sixties to re-establish it on the original railbed. The northern section still runs between Damascus and Maan in southern Jordan, with a spur to Aqaba used for freight.

Much of the new construction will therefore be in the largest, 700 kilometer section in the Kingdom. The German consultants will open offices in all three countries and use local assistance in their study.

Their contract only covers Phase One of the feasibility study, which is largely economic and social. If the project goes ahead, Phase Two will concern more detailed engineering and technical design, Dr. Kayyal said.

A new Hejaz line would link the Kingdom with Europe's railway network through

Dominant Koreans held to 0-0 draw

By Muir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Feb. 1 — Saudi Arabian National football team held the powerful champions of Asia, the South Korean team, to a 0-0 draw in Dammam Friday. Saudi Arabia was beaten 3-1 on Wednesday in their first encounter.

The Saudi Arabians were cheered on by drums and flutes, but 15,000 Koreans working in the Eastern Province also watched the match. There was Korean music playing during most of the 90 minutes.

The Koreans displayed the same acrobatic, fast performance that paid off Wednesday, when they scored first only 43 seconds into the match.

Before beginning the match, the two teams, the referee and the linesmen lined up to meet Prince Fahd ibn Sultan, vice-president of Youth Welfare and deputy chairman of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee. Prince Fahd came on to the field and shook hands with all the sportsmen.

With Seven Saudi Arabian players injured, only Salem Marwan, in goal, and the defenders led by Osman Marzouk were virtually the only ones who had a chance of playing. The fast Koreans were always in command.

Fifteen minutes before the end of the second half Majid Abdullah, Yousif Khamis and Abdullah Abdu Rabu succeeded in sending the ball to the Korean goalkeeper, the first Saudi attack.

On the opposite side, Marwan was constantly busy with Korean attackers. He saved some dangerous balls, but only in the five last minutes did the two teams exchange attacks.

SAFCO acid plant opened in Dammam

DAMMAM, Feb. 1 (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity, Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi, dedicated here Thursday the new sulphuric acid plant of the Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Company (SAFCO). Built at a cost of SR 40 million, it will produce 300 tons a day. The ceremony was attended by Mahmoud Taybah, governor of the General Electricity Organization and chairman of SAFCO, and other officials.

Istanbul. It would use the latest technology and high speed trains to carry both goods and high speed trains to carry goods and passengers, including pilgrims.

"The main objective of the three countries is to have an Islamic historic line to serve the transfer of goods and passengers."

Dr. Kayyal was "reticent about the project's financing which has presumably not yet been arranged. But he said the feasibility study was being financed by a fund already with the committee. The cost will be shared by all three countries."

Dr. Kayyal, who is on the project's technical committee, believed that of the shortlisted consortia bidding for the feasibility study, the contract had gone to the one with "the best price and that best fulfills the terms of performance of the three countries." He declined to discuss the bids of the competitors.

He also declined to estimate the cost of rebuilding the line: "nobody knows the cost of the project and that cannot be known until the full studies are completed by the consultants, including Phases One and Two," he said.

But he warned any future contractors of the Kingdom's policy of blacklisting those found to be deliberately overcharging.

"We know for sure that most railways in the world are subsidised," he said. "But they are considered the backbone of so much transport of heavy goods and passengers."

"The importance of having a railway, is that to a great extent it helps other interests. So don't just look at the railway and its profits, look at it in terms of people and trade."

The Kingdom is known to be considering a number of railway projects. Apart from the Hejaz line, "these include the doubling of the Riyadh-Dammam track, possibly on a different route, and the construction of a "dry port", a cargo center, in the capital to which goods will be directly railed to ease the pressure on customs at Dammam Port. A spur may be built from Dammam to the planned industrial center of Jubail. Jeddah may be linked to Riyadh and a commuter line may go to Mecca to cut congestion on the roads."

Dr. Kayyal said discussion of the Kingdom's network was premature. But the ministry plans fully to study the viability of such a network and its various sectors during the next five-year-plan.



SPORT: President of Youth Welfare Prince Faisal ibn Fahd presents a Sportsman of the Year award at a ceremony in Riyadh. This year 11 basketball and tennis players and track and field sportsmen won the award. To Prince Faisal's left is Ibrahim Al-Shamy, head of the selection committee.

By Faisal ibn Fahd

Arab Games boycott urged

RIYADH, Feb. 1 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has called on Arab states to decide on a boycott of this summer's Olympic Games in Moscow when they meet in Tunis in March.

Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of Youth Welfare, said Tuesday that Saudi Arabia could not take part in games "held in a country that kills hundreds of innocent Muslims every day."

Saudi Arabia was the first country in the world to announce that it would boycott the Games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

"We hope that Arab states would be able in their next meeting in Tunis to agree on a collective boycott of the Olympics," Prince Faisal said.

The Arab League Council will hold its next regular meeting at its temporary headquarters in Tunis in March.

Rain soaks Jizan

JIZAN, Feb. 1 (SPA) — Heavy rains fell Thursday on Jizan and surrounding areas, causing flooding in wadis.

"Communism's only hand of friendship is that of violence, killing, and destruction," Prince Faisal said.

The Muslim foreign ministers' conference in Islamabad this week agreed to urge sporting bodies to consider not taking part in the Games, but it did not approve Saudi Arabia's call for a boycott.

Palestinians in Hasa mark birth of struggle

HASA, Feb. 1 (SPA) — The Palestinian Fighters and Martyr Families Welfare Centers here celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Palestinian Revolution. Governor of Hasa Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd ibn Jiluwi attended the ceremony.

Prince Muhammad said that the Palestinian cause did not only concern the Palestinian people, but the whole Islamic world. Occupied Jerusalem had been desecrated. Rafiq Natsha PLO representative in the Kingdom, praised Saudi Arabia's help to the Palestinian revolution.

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Jeddah	31	20
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Dhahran	14	05
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Libya denies role in town attack

Tunisia calm, Nourira says

PARIS, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — Tunisian Prime Minister Hadi Nourira said Friday that Tunisia had returned to Tunisia after what he called a Libyan-inspired attack last weekend in the southern city of Gafsa as Libya denied any involvement in the clashes.

In a radio interview, Nourira said the 30 rebels who attacked the small mining town Saturday had counted on increasing their number at least tenfold with sympathizers in the town.

Gafsa is a phosphate mining town of 30,000 inhabitants and a stronghold of Tunisia's leftist labor federation whose leadership was sentenced to long prison terms for allegedly fomenting bloody riots in the capital, Tunis, on Jan. 26, 1978. The attack on Gafsa came almost exactly on the second anniversary of the riots.

Most of the attackers appeared to be of Tunisian nationality. At least 41 persons died in the attack.

"They hoped to take over the town, then, in the name of a new organization, ask for foreign help, that Libya would have given them willingly," Nourira said.

"They chose Gafsa because it is near the border (with Algeria) and they wanted to get us into a quarrel directly or indirectly with Algeria, having transited air men and arms through Algerian territory," he said.

Nourira said France dispatched naval vessels to patrol the waters off Tunisia. The French also provided three military transport planes and two helicopters to ferry Tunisian troops and weapons to Gafsa.

"We asked an acceleration of deliveries of arms and material that we had ordered from the United States," he said.

"Life continues as before," he said. "We are going to bandage our wounds and try to change the atmosphere created by this aggression."



Hadi Nourira

After the attack, Nourira ordered the expulsion of the Libyan ambassador, withdrew the Tunisian ambassador from Tripoli and closed the Libyan cultural center in Tunis.

In the meantime, the Libyan government Friday denied any involvement in the Gafsa attack.

Tunisia has accused the Libyans of training guerrillas who took part in the attack.

The Libyan news agency Jana Friday quoted a foreign ministry statement denying any direct or indirect Libyan involvement in the fighting.

The statement accused the Tunisian government of mounting a propaganda campaign against Libya and challenged the Tunisian authorities to produce evidence of Libyan involvement.

"Attempts by the Tunisian government to put responsibility on the shoulders of Libya were aimed at distracting Tunisian public opinion from internal problems," the statement said.

Syria won't negotiate with Israel, Khaddam says

STRASBOURG, France, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam said during the Council of Europe's debate on the Middle East that Syria would never negotiate with Israel and that the Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement violated U.N. resolutions.

He said the Camp David accords had created "an illusion of peace." But that the only hope for peace in the Middle East was in the creation of a Palestinian state on Palestinian land and the total withdrawal of Israeli troops from Arab lands.

At a news conference after his speech to the Council's Parliamentary Assembly Thursday, Khaddam refused to take a position on the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

"If you have a fire in your house, you don't deal with fires that have broken out in other houses," he said. The fire in Syria, he said, was the problem of Israel.

"We can't be interested in problems in Kabul. There is no more important problem than Israeli aggression."

Khaddam said Syria would participate in the Olympic Games in Moscow, and he was sharply critical of the United States, blaming the Camp David agreements for "shifting the international conflict toward the Near and Far East."

"If the United States condemned Israeli aggression in the Middle East, recognized the rights of the Palestinian people, supported complete withdrawal of Israeli



Abdul Halim Khaddam

troops from occupied areas, we would be able to support the U.S. in this matter," he said.

As for the Olympics, Khaddam said, "we can't allow the Olympic Games to be at the mercy of the politics of one country or another."

He said Syria's stand on Afghanistan was in the interest of all Arab states and would not isolate Syria in the Arab world. "I am certain the Arab brotherhood will be on our side in the struggle against Israeli aggression," he said. "The Soviet Union is our friend and stands with us."

"States cannot take advantage of the Afghan situation to use Islam for their own purposes. No one can stand for Islam in Kabul and against Islam in Iran or Pakistan," Khaddam added.

He also said his government was prepared to withdraw the troops sent into Lebanon during the Lebanese civil war "whenever the Lebanese government asks us formally to do so."

On Wednesday, Khaddam held talks with French Foreign Minister Jean Francois Poncet but neither minister would comment on what was discussed.

U.S. halts spare parts to Iran

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (R) — The United States has stopped the supply of vital spare parts for Iran's oil industry, government officials said.

Firms have been advised not to sell the Iranians spares while about 50 Americans held hostage in Tehran since Nov. 4 remain captive.

The officials said Friday the Commerce Department had already asked one unnamed U.S. company not to send vital replacement parts to the National Iranian Oil Corporation (NIOC) because of the hostage crisis.

Additional economic sanctions against Iran are awaiting President Jimmy Carter's authorization but are being delayed until the revolutionary rulers in Tehran respond to the latest U.S. efforts to have the hostages freed.

The U.S. has already halted imports of Iranian oil and frozen Iranian assets in the United States.

All but three of the hostages are being held at the U.S. embassy in Tehran by students who are demanding the return of the deposed Shah to stand trial for crimes he is alleged to have committed during his 38-year rule.

Six embassy staff who were smuggled out of Tehran by Canadian diplomats at the weekend were reunited with their families Thursday, the State Department said.

U.S. hopes of an end to the hostage saga hinge on new Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, who was elected last weekend. U.S. officials said they had not yet begun formal contacts with him.

Soviet adviser slain in Syrian city

BEIRUT, Feb. 1 (AP) — Terrorists killed a Soviet adviser in the northern city of Aleppo Jan. 24, bringing to three the number of Soviets killed in the past month. Western diplomatic sources have reported.

The attack on a mini-bus carrying a group of Soviets occurred three days before Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived in Damascus for talks with President Hafez Assad.

The sources said several other Soviets were wounded in the automatic weapon attack on the bus. No further details were immediately available, and a Syrian official in Damascus had no comment on the report.

Two Soviet military advisers were gunned down in the central city of Hama Jan. 15 as they departed their homes that morning. A Soviet civilian adviser was wounded in an assassination attempt the same day. The Soviet Union has about 2,000 military advisers in Syria.

Diplomatic sources believe the attacks were made by the same terrorists who assassinated about 120 Syrian soldiers and other supporters of Assad last year. Official Syrian sources blamed the Jan. 15 killings on the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, a fundamentalist group that wants to rid Muslim states of outside influences.

Shawa attacked for meeting Linowitz

BEIRUT, Feb. 1 (R) — Two Palestinian commando groups have criticized the mayor of Gaza Rashad Shawa for meeting U.S. special envoy Sol Linowitz.

Shawa was the only legal Palestinian leader who had agreed to talk to Linowitz during his current visit to Israel. The mayor had stressed that the meeting, Wednesday, was a "private and social occasion" and he had not carried out any negotiations on proposals for limited autonomy to the West Bank and Gaza.

In separate statements Tuesday, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said Shawa was aligning himself with the Camp David parties — Egypt, Israel and the U.S.

The Gaza mayor also came under attack earlier last month when he met Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leaders in Beirut, including PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Morocco claims killing 64 rebels

RABAT, Feb. 1 (R) — Moroccan troops killed 64 Polisario Front guerrillas and destroyed 21 vehicles in a clash near the Western Sahara mining center of Bou Craa on Monday, the official news agency MAP has reported. It said five Moroccan soldiers were killed and 12 wounded in the encounter. One guerrilla was also captured.

The clash followed an attack by the Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas on the southeast Moroccan town of Akka last week, in which an official Moroccan source said more than 100 guerrillas were killed. The

Polisario guerrillas, fighting for the independence of Western Sahara, claimed 110 Moroccans in that battle.

Meanwhile, American diplomatic sources here said Thursday that a high-ranking U.S. State Department official visited the Western Sahara Wednesday.

The United States does not recognize Moroccan sovereignty over the Western Sahara evacuated by Spain nearly four years ago and it is the first time an American administration official has visited the area in an official capacity.

New hijack bid foiled in Beirut

BEIRUT, Feb. 1 (AP) — Three Lebanese Shiite Muslims armed with pistols and grenades tried to hijack an Air France jetliner but were arrested minutes before boarding the Paris-bound Airbus here Thursday, security sources said.

There have been two hijackings of Middle East Airlines planes in the past 13 days by Shiites trying to attract world attention to the mysterious August 1978 disappearance of their religious leader, Imam Musa Sadr.

The three Shiites managed to penetrate the airport security system undetected, but an anonymous caller telephoned the airport security director and cautioned him, sources said.

The three men were apprehended on the crowded bus that took them from the passengers lounge to the aircraft.

A security officer quoted the gunmen as saying they wanted to prod the world into resolving the mystery of the missing Imam.

Sadr and two companions disappeared during a visit to Libya. Unconfirmed Arab press reports say the Imam was murdered or imprisoned by Libyan Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

Libya insists the Imam and his companions left for Rome after a one week stay in the capital of Tripoli.

Last Monday, a lone hijacker commandeered an MEA jetliner during a regular flight from Beirut to Larnaca, Cyprus. He told the pilot at gunpoint to divert the flight to Tehran, where the hijacker hoped to address an appeal to Ayatollah Khomeini to personally investigate Sadr's case.

But the plane had to return for refueling in Beirut, where the hijacker accepted to surrender in return for a promise of an airport press conference.

All 137 passengers and crew members were released unharmed.

On Jan. 18 another Shiite Muslim hijacked an MEA Boeing 707 jetliner during a regular flight from Beirut to Larnaca, Cyprus.

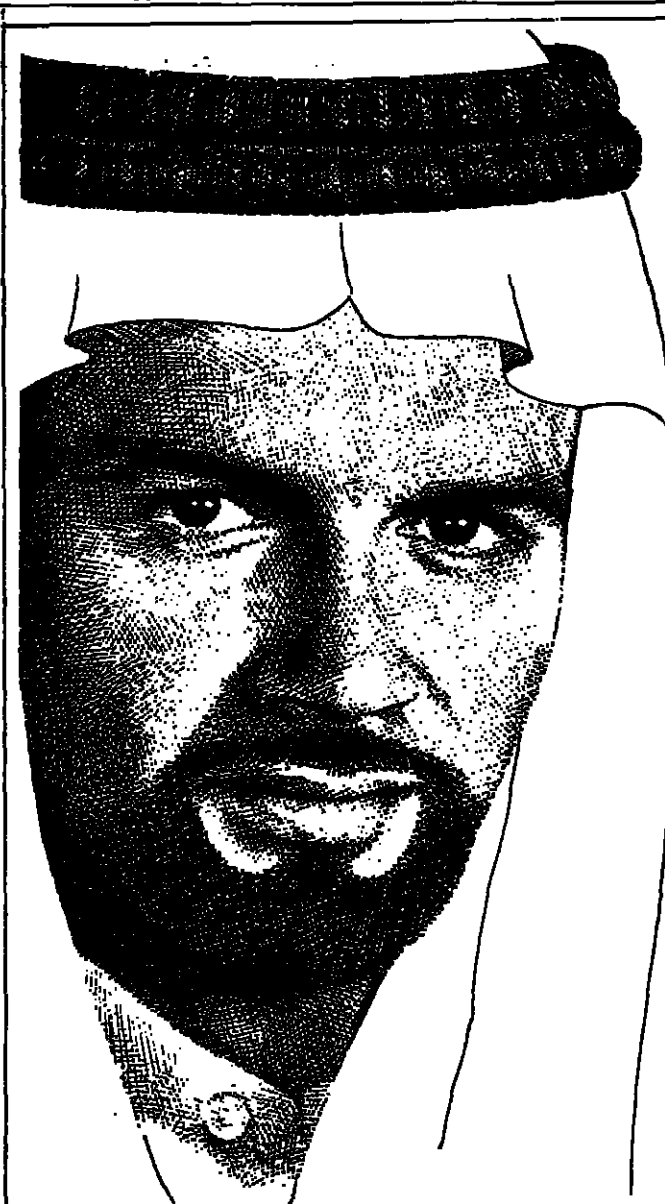
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Imam Sadr

"This won't be the last hijack," the 18-year-old Shiite said at the time. "We will keep up the pressure until the mystery of the Imam's disappearance is resolved."



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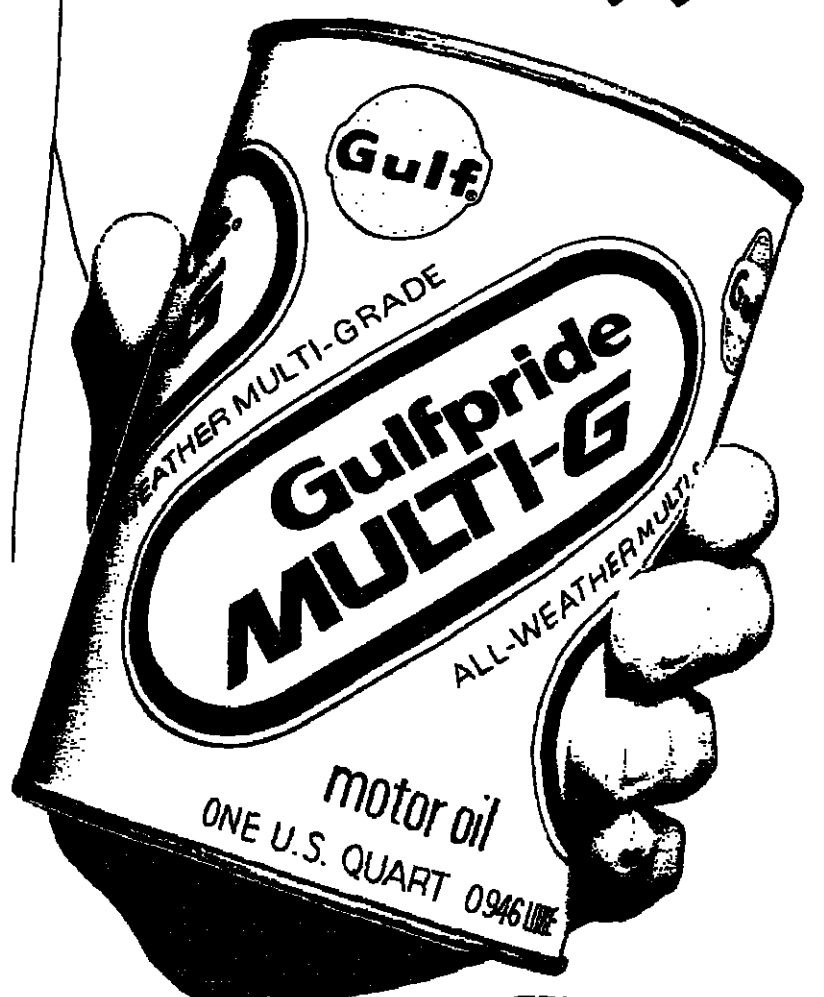
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On 'impromptu mission'

French beef up navy in Mediterranean Sea

PARIS, Feb. 1 (AP) — Three French warships left the naval base at Toulon this week for maneuvers in the Mediterranean and an anti-submarine ship will leave in the next few days to join the French squadron patrolling in the Indian Ocean, naval officials reported.

The missile cruiser Colbert, the anti-submarine frigate Duguay-Trouc and the rapid escort Vendée left Toulon on Tuesday for what officials said was an "unprogrammed" training mission off the Mediterranean island of Crete.

The mission will take the ships into the area of Malta and not far from the coast of Tunisia, where officials claim Libyan-sponsored commandos struck the phosphate mining city of Gafsa on Sunday.

However, defense ministry officials said the "impromptu mission" was not linked to any exterior events.

The Georges-Leygues, an anti-submarine vessel, will leave shortly via Gibraltar and the Cape of Good Hope to join the Indian Ocean patrols, officials said that squadron currently is made up of 11 ships whose mission is to cruise from Djibouti to the Persian Gulf protecting French oil tanker traffic.

Meanwhile, Washington sources said a five-ship U.S. Navy carrier battle group entered the Indian Ocean Wednesday to relieve another carrier group, which has been in the Arabian Sea for about three months during the Iranian-Afghanistan crises.

The Coral Sea, which had been cruising in the western Pacific, will take about a week to reach position for relief of the carrier Midway and five escorting cruisers, destroyers and frigates. The Midway then will return to the Pacific.

The Coral Sea is accompanied by two cruisers, a destroyer and a frigate.



RESCUE AT SEA: Two crewmembers of the U.S. Navy refrigerator stores ship San Jose prepare a rope ladder for 53 Vietnamese refugees found 350 miles northeast of Singapore in a boat tossed by high seas.

In wake of piracy

'Boat people' drift to Thai shores

BANGKOK, Thailand, Feb. 1 (AP) — Vietnamese "boat people" are fleeing in greater numbers than at any time since last May, many of them running a gauntlet of pirates to reach the shores of Thailand.

Almost 3,500 arrived in search of asylum during December and more were expected in January, despite a reaffirmation by the Vietnamese government that it is doing its best to halt the exodus.

Most of the Vietnamese last year found their way to Malaysia, Hong Kong and Indonesia but the recent flow has been to Thailand.

Most of the new refugees say they tried to steer clear of Thailand because of the threat of pirate attacks but their small crafts were blown off course.

Western relief officials who have interviewed large numbers of the new arrivals in southern Thailand say virtually all had been looted, and sometimes brutalized, by the sea-going brigands.

Refugees from Vietnam swelled to 76,774 last May. An international outcry,

however, pressured Hanoi into stemming a highly organized exodus, which involved payment to authorities for passages out of the country. In June, 1979, the outflow dropped to 1,044 and remained minimal until October when more than 3,000 fled.

There is no evidence that the Vietnamese government has fallen back on its promises, but refugee officials say it is clear that bribery and collusion must exist at least at the local level.

Almost all the boats that have made it to southern Thailand over the past two months have been tiny river craft — generally smaller and less seaworthy than the fishing boats used last year.

Because of crowding on the tiny craft, "It is inevitable that many don't make it," one official said.

Malaysia, which led the angry protests against the Vietnamese influx last year, has been receiving very few of the boat people and its refugee population is down dramatically. About 29,000 are expected to be left in Malaysia by the end of January, from the peak of 76,500.

EEC decides to cancel butter subsidy to Russia

BRUSSELS, Feb. 1 (R) — The Common Market Commission Friday decided to pay no more subsidies on exports of fresh EEC butter to the Soviet Union, Afghanistan and East European Countries, a commission spokesman said.

The decision, which applies from Saturday, carries out the assurance given by the commission's President Roy Jenkins that no more fresh butter exports would be made to the Soviet Union in the near future.

The spokesman said exports of butter in smaller packets up to 500 grams will still be allowed in line with the commission's aim of

respecting traditional trade flows. However, he said the huge sales of subsidized butter to the Soviet Union, which have caused a political furor, were always made in large quantities and it would be uneconomical to send thousands of tons of butter shipments in small packets.

The commission also decided to tighten its control on food exports by cutting subsidies for butteroil and suspending subsidies on future beef exports.

The spokesman said the commission will also introduce within the next few weeks a strict tendering system for exports of the EEC's lower quality stockpiled butter.

Sakharov's wife gets prosecutor's summons

MOSCOW, Feb. 1 (R) — Mrs. Yelena Sakharov, wife of exiled physicist Andrei Sakharov, was summoned to appear at a Moscow public prosecutor's office Friday, and said she feared she might be banished from the capital like her husband.

Mrs. Sakharov told Western reporters at the family apartment the summons to the prosecutor had come just as she was preparing to leave by train to rejoin the dissident leader in the city of Gorky, to which he is now restricted.

"I don't know what it's about, but I can imagine," Mrs. Sakharov said. "What I fear is that they are going to tell me I cannot leave Gorky either."

Sakharov was sent to the Volga industrial city, which is barred to foreigners, last week and is not allowed to leave it or telephone or write letters abroad.

Since the sudden action against him, the official Soviet press has published articles describing him as a traitor and renegade who planned to give state secrets to the West. Articles suggested that Kremlin treatment of him was lenient.

But today the country's best-known woman poet of the younger generation, Bella Akhmadulina, circulated a poem in support of him and called him a defender of humanity. She said that although he feared for mankind, she feared for him.

Drug aids heart attack victims

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (R) — A drug used to treat gout has been found to cut by three quarters the incidence of sudden death among heart attack victims in the first months after their attack, *The New England Journal of Medicine* reported.

According to results of a five-year study conducted in Canada and the United States among 1,558 patients, the drug sulfinpyrazone reduced incidence of sudden death by 74 per cent.

Dr. Sol Sherry, head of medicine at Philadelphia's Temple University School of Medicine, said the drug worked during the period of high risk from the second to the seventh month after the coronary.

The reason for its effectiveness is still not known, Sherry said.

The drug is marketed under the name antirane by the Ciba-Geigy Corporation, which financed the study.

Oil slick threatening Gulf of Mexico, Cuba

HAVANA, Feb. 1 (R) — A major oil slick is drifting towards the Gulf of Mexico from the west coast of Cuba where the Greek-registered supertanker Princess Anne-Marie ran aground four days ago.

The tanker, which was carrying 59,000 tons of oil to Texas, has already spilled thousands of tons of crude into the sea, causing Cubans worst oil pollution disaster, the official Prensa Latina news reported.

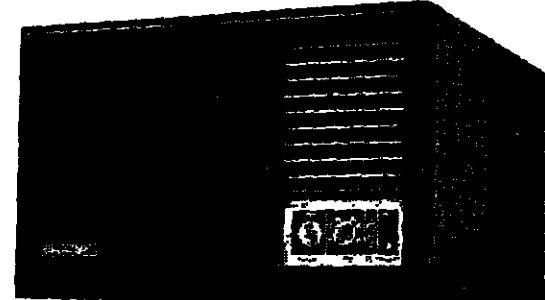
Salvage teams Friday began pumping oil from the crippled ship into another tanker in

an attempt to lighten the Princess Anne-Marie's load.

Experts said about 10,000 tons would have to be taken from the supertanker before she could be refloated.

One of the Princess Anne-Marie's forward tanks was holed when the ship ran aground about 200 yards off the western tip of Cuba Monday.

Prensa Latina said a big oil slick was drifting westwards towards the Straits of Yucatan and the Gulf of Mexico.



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Polish protest transfer of woman dissident

WARSAW, Poland Feb. 1 (AP) — One hundred Polish shipyard workers in Gdansk staged a four-hour strike to protest the transfer of a woman colleague in the dissident movement, dissident sources in Warsaw reported.

The shipyard management provoked the strike by transferring Mrs. Anna Walentynowicz, a crane operator for the past 20 years, to a Bganach plant outside the Baltic seaport, the sources said.

Fellow workers went on strike at the beginning of the day shift. They suspended the action and returned to work after four hours when a shipyard supervisor told the dissident free trade union that the woman will be reinstated in her old job.

Tadeusz Gapa of the unofficial labor group said if she isn't back at her post the strike would be resumed, the sources said.

The shipyard employs several thousand workers, there was no information on how the work stoppage affected plant production.

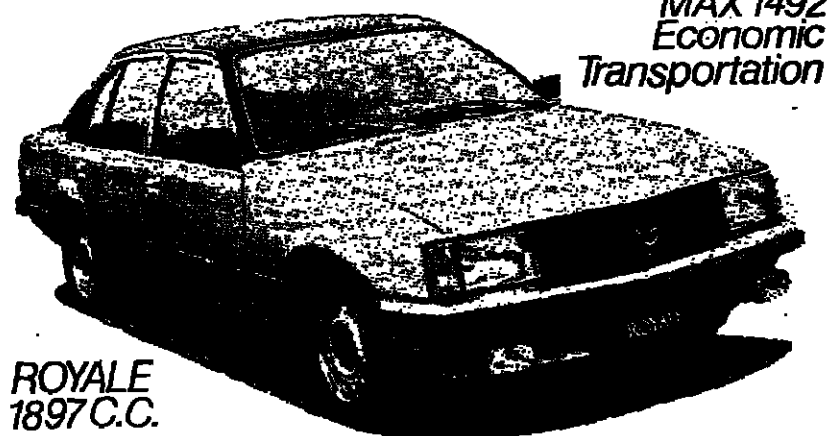


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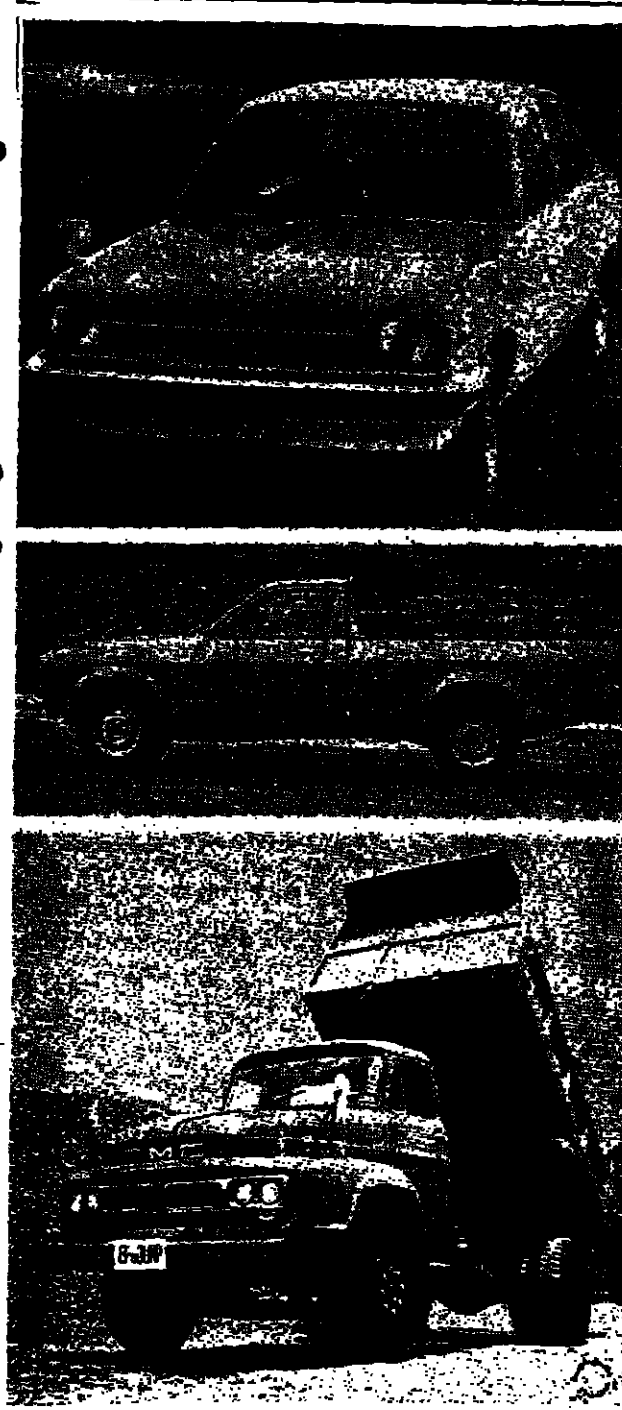
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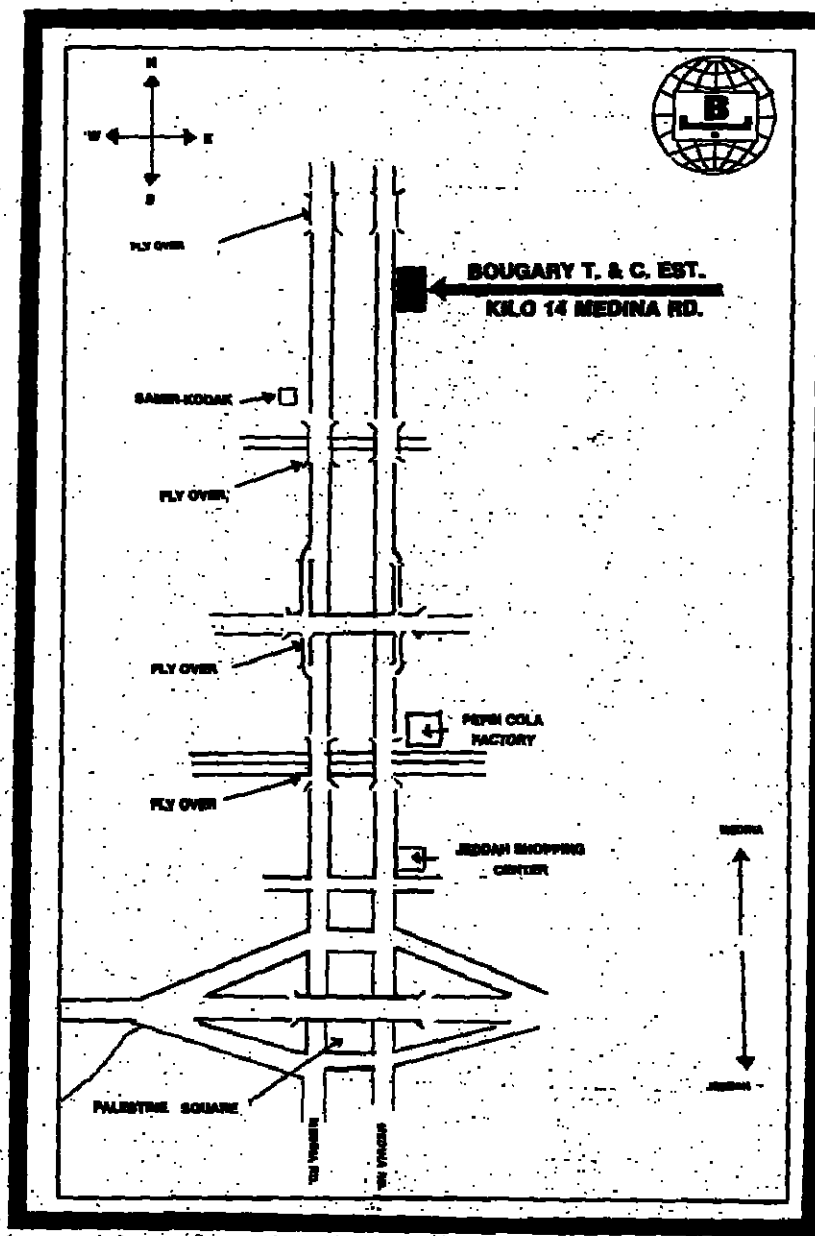
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English middle order bats collapse

MELBOURNE, Feb. 1 (AP) — In a day of fluctuating fortunes at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday Australia neutralized England's brilliant start to have the tourists 231 for six at the end of the first day's play in this the third and final Test.

England captain Mike Brearley won the toss and elected to bat on what appeared to be a good batting wicket.

Midway through the day, after a 116-run opening partnership, England appeared headed for a mammoth first innings score, with openers Geoff Boycott (44) and Graham Gooch (99) taking runs almost at will from the Australian attack.

The Australians were further weakened by the absence of paceman Dennis Lillee, who

Forest wins at home in first Supercup leg

NOTTINGHAM, England Feb. 1 (R) — Nottingham Forest of England, European Cup holder, beat Barcelona of Spain, which won the Cup Winners' Cup last season, 1-0, in the first leg of the so-called European Soccer "Supercup" here Thursday night.

Half-time: 1-0.
Scorer: Charlie George (nine minutes).
The second leg will be played in Barcelona next Tuesday.

was forced to leave the field suffering from influenza after five overs.

A dramatic middle order batting collapse in which the tourists lost four wickets for seven runs in six overs tilted the scales back in Australia's favour.

Brearley, 19 not out and wicket keeper Bob Taylor, 21 not out, helped England over a difficult late session.

Test newcomer Wayne Larkins and Gooch took the score to 170 after the dismissal of Boycott before the middle order collapse began.

England lost five for 23 in just under an hour, including the wicket of Gooch who was run out going for his 100th run.

Gooch, who batted for 238 minutes, can only have himself to blame for 2 not posting his maiden test century.

Gooch pushed Len Pascoe back past the umpire and called Larkins through for a sharp single. Hughes picked up the ball and threw the wicket down in one action.

It was ironic that in the Perth Test Hughes was out for 99 in attempting to hook Ian Botham to the boundary.

And it was in that match that Boycott made 99 not out, the third such score in the Test series between England and Australia.

Gooch, who hit some scorching drives among his 10 boundaries, had a life at 43 as

he attempted to loft Mallett out of the ground.

Dymock at long-off failed to pick up the line of the ball and spilled the catch as he tumbled forward.

It was one of two chances the Australians put down. Ian Chappell at first slip put Boycott down at 15.

These were really the only two blemishes in a much improved fielding display from the Australians.

England first innings 231 for six

G A Gooch run out	99
G Boycott c Mallett b Dymock	44
W Larkins c G Chappell b Pascoe	25
D I Gower lbw Lillee	0
P Willey lbw Lillee	1
L I Botham c Marsh b Lillee	8
J M Brearley not out	19
RW Taylor not out	21
Extras (b-1 lb-1 nb-12)	14

Fell: 1-116, 2-170, 3-175, 4-177, 5-177, 6-192.
Bowling: Lillee 20-6-36-2, Dymock 24-4-49-1, Mallett 31-8-99-0, Pascoe 19-5-33-2.

IOC rejects Taipei proposal

LAUSANNE, Feb. 1 (R) — The International Olympic Committee has rejected a proposal by a Swiss judge for resolving a dispute over Taipei's participation in the Lake Placid Winter Games this month.

Judge Paul-Eugene Rochat suggested Taipei's Olympic Committee should accept an IOC decision that it change its name and anthem.

But he said a third IOC demand, that Taipei adopt a new flag as a condition for its continued participation in the Olympics, should be dropped.

However Francois Carrard, representing the IOC, said he could not accept the proposal.

Asked to consult IOC officials about his suggestion, Carrard replied that it was impossible for him to contact them immediately as most were already in the United States for the Winter Games.

The IOC ruled last November that Peking be readmitted to the Olympic movement after a 21-year absence, and ordered the Taipei committee to change its name, anthem and flag as well as to amend its constitution.

Carrard said Tuesday that a number of countries might withdraw from Lake Placid if the Nationalist Chinese flag appeared.

Kite, Pate divide Monterey golf lead

PEBBLE BEACH, California Feb. 1 (AP) — Tom Kite burned the back nine with a 30, finishing off a six under-par 66 that tied him with Jerry Pate for the first-round lead Thursday in the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am golf tournament.

Jack Nicklaus, meanwhile, started the comeback from the worst season of his career with a 69 that included a 30-foot birdie put on the final hole.

David Edwards, who once caddied for his older brother Danny, shot a 67 in the ideal playing conditions unusual on the Monterey peninsula, and was a single stroke out of the lead.

PGA champ David Graham of Australia had a 68 and was tied with Tom Watson, John Mahaffey, Jim Nelford and Gene Littler.

Watson, player of the year for the last three seasons and a winner last week, and Kite, both pointed to Graham as the real leader of this event. He played at Spyglass Hill, by far the more difficult of the three courses used for the first three days.

Watson, Kite, Nicklaus and Littler all played at Cypress Point, which was robbed of much of its defenses with the absence of the howling winds that usually scour its cliffs and crags. The weather was cool and cloudy.

Saad beats Pakistani in squash quarterfinal

LONDON, Feb. 1 (R) — Magdi Saad of Egypt upset second seeded Pakistani Atlas Khan in the quarter final of the British Amateur Squash Championships here Thursday.

Saad, the seventh seed, won 9-7, 9-1, 5-9, 9-4 and now faces Jon Leslie of Britain, who won his quarter-final 7-9, 9-4, 9-5, 9-2 against Muhammad Awad of Egypt.

The other semi-final on Saturday will be between Roger Flynn of Australia and New Zealander Ross Norman.

Flynn beat Barry O'Connor of Britain 8-10, 9-7, 9-7, 9-6 and Norman put out Sweden's Lars Kvast 9-4, 5-9, 3-9, 10-8, 9-2.



FLAME: The first runner with the Olympic flame starts on his way from Olympia. Thursday the flame arrived on American soil.

By Air Force One

Olympic flame reaches U.S.

HAMPTON, Virginia, Feb. 1 (AP) — A carefully-guarded flame crossed the Atlantic Ocean to arrive on American soil Thursday to herald the beginning of the 1980 winter Olympics.

A torch lit Wednesday in Olympia was shepherded from Athens by the Air Force One jet to Langley Air Force Base here before continuing on to the Olympics at Lake Placid, New York, the first in the United States to burn a flame from the site of the ancient Games.

After its arrival at sunrise, the flame was to make a 37 kilometer trip by boat to Yorktown, Virginia, as a symbol of the arrival of the first permanent colonists at nearby Jamestown.

Welcoming ceremonies were scheduled, after which 52 American runners were to begin a nine-day, 1,500 kilometer relay through six states to Lake Placid for the

Games that begin Feb. 12.
Most of the journey to lake placid is through rural areas on roads used since colonial days.

Ceremonies along the way are scheduled in Washington, at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and at City Hall in New York. Numerous localities planned celebrations with bands, ringing bells, parades and speeches.

The 52 runners, 26 men and 26 women, represent the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Lake Placid. They planned to run in groups of three on 14-kilometer legs, followed by support vehicles.

The relay will be run regardless of rain or snow or cold.

"It's so powerful and exciting and such a thrill," said Suzy Mink, 27, the first to carry the torch. "And the flame will keep us going."

Kriek, Sadri defeat seeds in Richmond tennis meet

RICHMOND, Virginia, Feb. 1 (AP) — Unseeded players Johan Kriek of South Africa and John Sadri ousted seventh-seeded Brian Gottfried and No. Eight Seed Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina Thursday in the Richmond Tennis Classic.

Kriek parlayed speed and timely rallies for a 3-6, 6-5, 7-6 victory over Gottfried.

Sadri, a semifinalist in last week's U.S. Pro Indoor Tournament in Philadelphia, had little trouble beating Clerc 6-4, 7-5. Sadri had 11 service aces.

No. Two Seed Roscoe Tanner defeated Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland 6-3, 6-4.

Top-seeded John McEnroe met Hank Pfister and No. Three Seed Guillermo Vilas of Argentina took on Ilie Nastase of Romania in later matches Thursday night.

Kriek, one of the quickest players in pro tennis, staged several remarkable comebacks in his victory over Gottfried.

Gottfried appeared to be in command when he took a 4-1 lead in the third set.

But Kriek, who twice rallied from 0-40 deficits, broke back in the ninth game to cut Gottfried's lead to 5-4.

Leading 6-5, Gottfried had match point, but Kriek once again rallied to send the match into a tiebreaker. He took the first three points and won going away.

"I was aware of the match point, but I didn't like to think about it at the time," Kriek said.

Unseeded Victor Amaya, smashing 15 service aces, ousted No. Four Seed Eddie Dibbs 6-2, 6-4 Wednesday in the second round.

Nine of Amaya's aces came in the second set. In another second round match, Sixth-Seeded Wojtek Fibak of Poland ousted Buster Mottram of Britain, 7-6, 8-6.

In Seattle, Washington, fourteen-year-old Andrea Jaeger, in only her second professional tournament, handily defeated Sue Barker 6-1, 6-5 in a women's professional tennis tournament.

Top-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd breezed past Terry Holladay 6-2, 6-2 to conclude the second round of singles play.

In earlier play, it was Virginia Ruzici of Romania over Sherry Acker 6-2, 7-5, and Eighth-Seeded Sylia Hanika of West Germany over Betsy Nagelsen 6-3, 6-3.

In doubles action, Fourth-Seeded Virginia Wade and Greer Stevens slipped past Tanya Harford and Bettina Bunge 7-6, 6-3.

Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia and Anne Smith defeated Ruzici and Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-3, and Pam Shriver and Laura Dupont got past Acker and Ilana Kloss of South Africa 6-2, 6-4.

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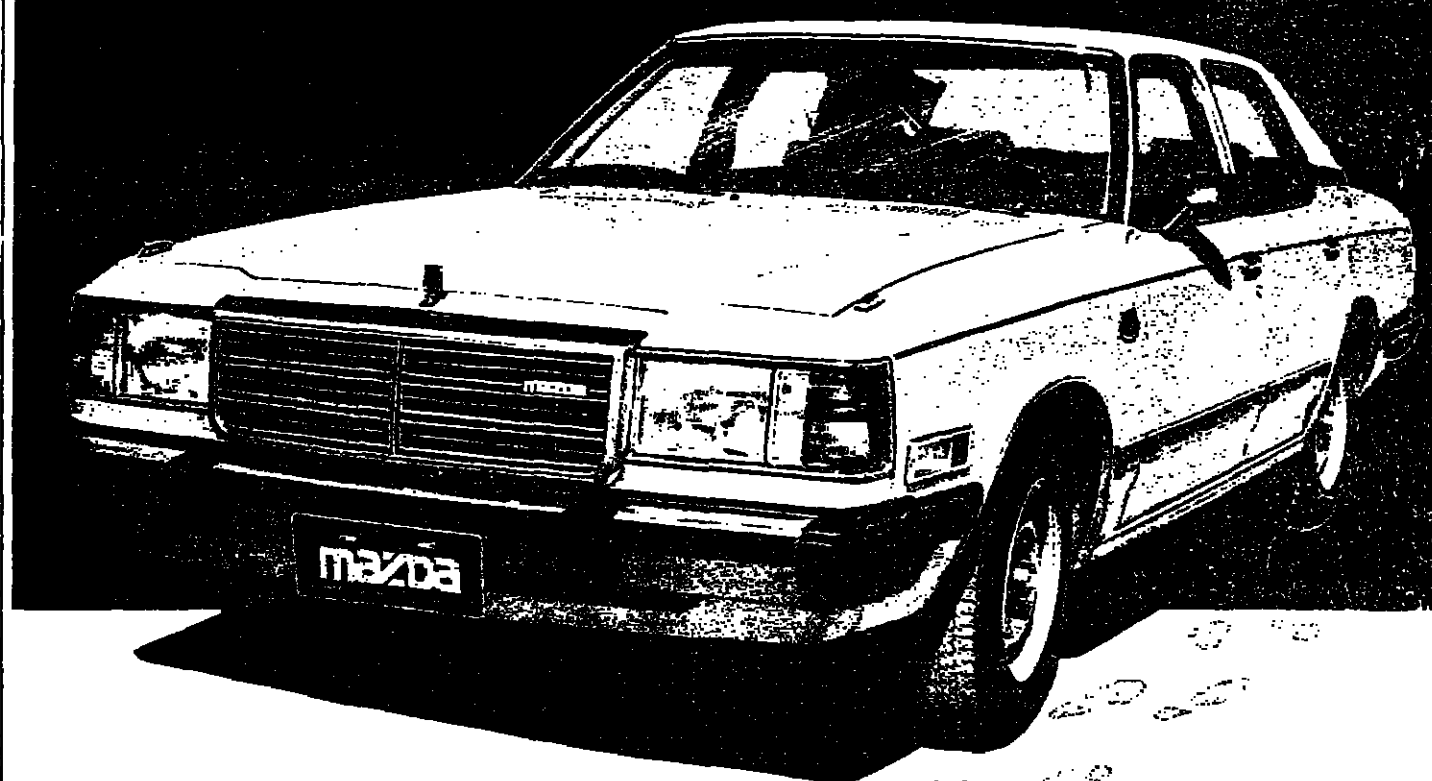
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The real danger of the Afghanistan crisis is that people may eventually come to accept the Russian presence there as the status quo. Even if the Soviet leaders were surprised by worldwide condemnation and economic sanctions, they still will have succeeded with the invasion of a sovereign Muslim nation despite international rejection.

Although Arabs, Muslims and the Third World wish to reverse the Soviet Union's invasion, strong criticism of the aggression has waned in the month since it occurred. Denunciations of the invasion could halt completely in the next month.

Immediately after the invasion, the United Nations, with a majority of Third World votes, denounced the Soviet aggression. This was followed by American sanctions.

The U.S. then found Britain its only ally willing to boycott the Olympic Games in Moscow. Most other Western nations are still undecided on the matter, even though they realize the psychological benefits of the games to the Soviet Union. At Islamabad, some states took a lukewarm position regarding Soviet actions.

Many countries had hoped that resolutions from the Islamabad conference would have been more decisive, but the need for compromise to prevent serious divisions led to more moderate resolutions.

The need at Islamabad was for resolutions to help Afghans and neighboring countries withstand the invasion. The member states could not actually halt the invasion, but they could make the Soviet Union pay a heavy price for mounting it.

We hope that was the intentions of the resolutions, but implementing them still remains. The greatest fear is that our determination may falter and we may eventually become accustomed to occupation as we have done in the past.

Russians rage at TV crews

By Ian Mather

KABUL — The Russian officer trudged toward us through the snow. Grinning, he used an exaggeratedly polite Russian phrase to indicate he knew exactly what our game was. It might be translated as: "To what do we owe the honor of your visit?" Then, switching into colloquial Moscow Russian, he added: "I am the commander of this outfit."

He was a large burly man, six feet two perhaps, in his mid-thirties, with bright blue eyes. He was a European Russian, like many of the officers here, and unlike most of the other ranks who are ethnic Asians. His heavy winter clothing disguised his rank, which was probably that of a major.

We were standing at the entrance to the 300-year-old Bala Hissar fortress, which overlooks the Kabul bazaar and now has Russian soldiers manning its ramparts. We explained we were three Western correspondents and that we wished to visit the fortress as it was listed in the guidebook as a historical site.

He nodded and smiled knowingly. The Russian sentries, Kalashnikov rifles over their shoulders, daggers tucked into their snowboots, had been eying us suspiciously since we had first asked them to fetch an officer. Now they smiled too.

"Unfortunately," said the commander, "this is a military installation and has been closed to the public since 28 December (the day after Russia intervention in Afghanistan). So I cannot possibly allow you to enter without orders from above. However, may I wish you a happy new year."

We shook hands and said goodbye. As we turned away he offered us transport back to the hotel, which we declined because we had a taxi waiting.

This episode is typical of all the encounters I have had with Soviet troops in Afghanistan in the past three weeks. Attempts to engage them in meaningful conversation about what they think they are doing here have failed, but their behavior to me has invariably been disciplined.

Other journalists' encounters with the Russian Army have been more unpleasant. The Russians have been becoming increasingly angry at being filmed, and virtually every television crew here has been arrested at least once and released. Even the Soviet television crew has been ordered to stop filming the troops.

The Russian reaction is stronger each time a television crew is spotted filming. At first journalists were simply given a lecture by a Russian officer. Then an American crew had machinegun fire directed into the snow around their feet, a practice which a Cockney TV crewman labeled as "being given the old tap dance."

On Jan. 15 an Italian television crew first had the ground around them sprayed with machine gun bullets, then had their \$50,000 camera confiscated. They complained to the Afghan government and were advised to ask the Russians to give it back, but when they returned the Russians fired at them a second time, so the disconsolate Italians flew home cameraleless.

Babrak Karmal's government has issued no instruction on what journalists may or may not do.

It remains a mystery why we were allowed here in the first place.

For the first few days after the coup all journalists were banned. Then there was a change of mind so complete that journalists were telephoned by Afghan diplomats and encouraged to apply for visas. The Afghan embassy in Delhi set up a table in the garden to issue instant visas to journalists.

Yet Babrak Karmal began his first press conference with the words: "Good afternoon, friendly and unfriendly journalists," and called a British television reporter: "You old face of imperialism which invaded our country three times in the past and three times got a bloody nose."

The government has provided no facilities for journalists and has made it almost impossible for us to get our stories out.

Its attitude was perhaps summed up in a reply to a correspondent who went to the information ministry and asked jovially: "Got any information today?" "Information?" replied an official. "That's up to you, not us."

The presumption is that journalists were allowed in to help give the Soviet-backed government a little badly needed legitimacy. Unfortunately for Babrak Karmal the Western press has been more interested in what the Russians are up to than in the new Afghan leader's thoughts, and last month the government expelled all American journalists.

The Russians are sleeping out in sub-zero temperatures but seem to be suffering from little other than boredom. As everywhere else I have seen them, they appear to be mentally defending Stalingrad. They have dug deep trenches at key points around major towns and along the main arterial route north. Apart from this they appear to have little to do.

The American embassy has been feeding wildly inaccurate information to American journalists, exaggerating the number of Russian troops in the country, the number of Russians killed and the extent of engagements. It is perhaps symptomatic of the greater maturity of the American press, compared with the Vietnam era, that an atmosphere of great hostility has developed between it and American diplomats as American reporters have discovered from their own travels and observations that their embassy has been indulging in crude propaganda.

The current military posture of the Russians is that they have taken over between six and eight former Afghan bases and are bringing in large amounts of supplies and equipment by road and air. In addition they are guarding all the civil airports I have seen, they are intensively patrolling the road to the Russian border, and they have established themselves on the perimeters of major towns.

It appears that the Russians have completed phase one of their plans. They have installed a government to their liking, and moved around 40,000 troops into the country in an impressively efficient operation.

It is expected that the next phase will be to rebuild, retrain and re-equip the Afghan Army and give it the job of mopping up the rebels in remote mountain areas. Only if the Afghan Army fails will the Russians become directly involved in the fighting. (OFNS)

Giscard snubs Carter over Kabul

By Paul Webster

PARIS —

France has rejected President Jimmy Carter's Afghanistan initiatives and has come out openly in favor of reinforcing friendship with Moscow.

Despite the risk that France will be accused of appeasement, President Giscard d'Estaing has sent the chairman of the French National Assembly, Jacques Chaban-Delmas, to Moscow to meet Leonid Brezhnev, and the Soviet Union's first Deputy Prime Minister, George Kornienko, was invited to Paris for top-level talks on Jan. 24.

The double act of friendship comes only a week after discussions in Paris between the American assistant secretary of state Warren Christopher and the French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet. Afterward, Christopher said he was happy that French and American analyses of Soviet aims in Afghanistan were "the same."

In fact, the most severe official French condemnation of the Russian invasion has been Giscard's statement that it is "unacceptable". In the last few days it has become increasingly clear that French leaders will block any attempt to isolate the Soviet Union. They consider the Soviet action only a limited threat.

Chaban-Delmas' visit to Moscow came after an exchange of letters between Giscard and Brezhnev, in which reassurances were given by the Soviet Union.

As the third-ranking politician in France and a close confidant of the president, the National Assembly leader's visit was seen as a public act of support for Moscow. He was the first senior Western leader to go there since the beginning of the Afghan affair.

The aim of Kornienko's visit to Paris was to put into effect a 1970 agreement with France for con-

sultations in times of crisis. From a protocol viewpoint the talks rated more highly than those with Christopher.

In welcoming the Russian, the French government is adding to the disarray among Western European leaders.

The nine member states of the Common Market are already split on whether to talk to the Russians or to back sanctions. Britain's Premier Margaret Thatcher has supported the Olympic boycott, but the West German Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt, is much nearer Giscard in opposing a reaction that could jeopardize détente.

Giscard's policy — which is in line with his moves to sponsor an East-West Europe disarmament conference — has been made easier by the lack of sympathy for the U.S. from French political parties.

French Communists completely support the Russian invasion. The opposition Socialists have criticized the Russians but are against sanctions. In the pro-government Gaullist Party, with its long opposition to American policies in Europe, friendship with the Soviet Union is considered more important than the sensitivity of the U.S. — a fact underlined by the visit of Chaban-Delmas, who is a Gaullist former prime minister.

Torn between its traditional denigration of the French Communist Party and support for Giscard, the right-wing press has swung more and more to an anti-French position. This is typified by the oldest French newspaper, *Figaro*, which on Jan. 22 ridiculed Carter's call for the Olympic boycott.

The newspaper said it could not see Chamberlain writing to Hitler to say: "If you invade Poland don't count on me for tea", or the Austrian royal house telegraphing Serbia to say: "If you continue to kill our archdukes, we'll take our holidays elsewhere." (OFNS)

Czech poor productivity

By Sue Masterman & Anton Koene

VIENNA —

Czech officialdom has been castigated for corruption, incompetence and poor productivity in a series of turn-of-the-decade lectures by the government.

Nineteen-eighty is the last year of the current five-year program, and it is clear that production targets will not be met. For the first time inflation has been officially admitted, and some attempt has been made to explain the shortage of food and consumer goods.

Vlastimil Svoboda, minister for public control, has admitted receiving thousands of complaints from the public. Most concern the state-run shops, which often do not observe official opening times, ignore fixed prices, and keep back stocks of scarce goods to sell under the counter at inflated prices.

The price of meat and milk has just been raised by 2.9 per cent. When farmers heard on the grapevine of the forthcoming rise they kept back animals intended for autumn slaughter, hoping for a higher spring price.

That plunged the country into a general meat shortage, and only a last-minute agreement between the government and the farmers avoided panic buying.

Nevertheless, the Czech consumer continues to be plagued by shortages. These are unpredictable, and involve basic necessities varying from salt and vinegar to toothpaste and matches, and are caused simply by inefficient planning.

Communist Party leader Gustav Husak, in an end-of-year speech, denounced "bureaucratic egoism," saying it was impossible to rely on the delivery dates and quality of products which were controlled by one ministry, let alone those whose production involved two ministries or more.

Every bureaucrat, Husak said, seemed to have only his own interests at heart and showed no concern for the problems of other organizations or the consumer.

Another dose of criticism came from Vice-Premier Vaclav Hula, who told the Communist Party Central Committee that the five-year plan was doomed to failure in many sectors. Average income had increased 21 per cent since 1975, but productivity was 4.4 per cent behind target.

Failure to develop the export market for machinery, and crop failures in sugar, hops and foodstuffs meant that the target for the trade balance could not be achieved.

Corruption is the deep-seated disease eating away at the socialist economy, and not only in Czechoslovakia.

Higher productivity is being demanded, and the number of civil servants is to be reduced by 1 per cent. Civil servants' expense accounts will be ruthlessly axed, especially where spending on trips abroad is involved. The number of official cars and the amount of fuel for their use is to be cut to the 1975 level. (OFNS)

saudi press review

Weekend newspapers' lead stories included a report on the regaining of SR70 million within less than five hours of its loss by a Saudi Arabian in Riyadh. *Al Medina* devoted its lead to quoting the Minister of Agriculture and Water as saying that the first and second stages of the Kingdom's desalination plant would cost SR14 billion and that the Assir desalination plant will be set up in Shafiq. *Al Yom* led with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's talk on American and Pakistani television in which he was reported to have said that the Islamic conference was the only international gathering that adopted resolutions against the Soviet aggression in Afghanistan. In a reference to the recent incident of the Holy Haram in Mecca, *Okaz* led with Crown Prince

Fahd's declaration that Saudi Arabia rejected any aggression against the people.

Newspapers generally gave front-page prominence to Prince Saud's interview, quoting him as saying that Saudi Arabia had no intention of signing any defense agreement with America. In another front page lead, it said that the Soviet Union was trying to improve its relations with Japan and South Korea.

Al Jazirah highlighted a reported statement by James Wright, leader of the Democratic Majority in the U.S. Senate, that the government and people of the United States appreciated the oil policy of Saudi Arabia. Reports of violent clashes between revolutionary guards and the Kurds in Iran occupied a prominent place on the front page of

Okaz, while *Al Yom* gave front-page play to a report on Israeli experts working in Egypt to develop its agriculture.

Okaz said that political circles were unanimous in their opinion that Saudi Arabia's prominent role was the moving factor in the success of the Islamic Foreign Ministers conference. The solidarity of the Islamic states against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was visible during the conference, and the Kingdom had proved that its political move convinced the Islamic nation to confront attempts aimed at Islam and the interests of its followers.

In an editorial, *Al Nadwa* deplored the provocative statements of alien elements trying to drag the Gulf states into international disputes. The paper reaffirmed that governments and peo-

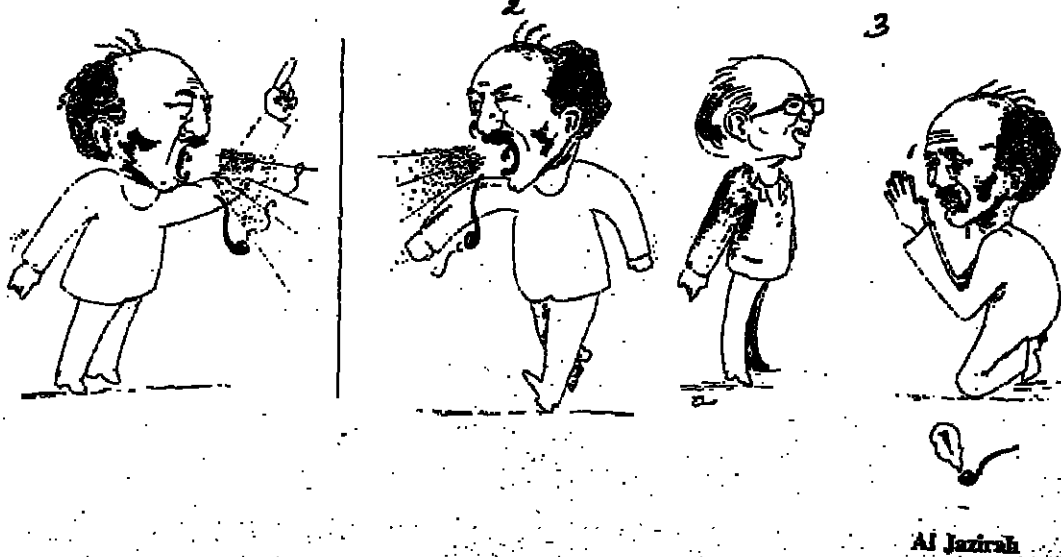
ples of the Gulf region were working to perpetuate their prosperity, security and stability. It endorsed the Saudi Foreign Minister's stress on the superpowers to remain committed to international principles and let the region continue its endeavors.

Al Medina praised the Kingdom's success in its development plans. It said anyone looking at the pamphlet issued by the General Statistics Department of the Ministry of Finance and National Economy will notice a splendid achievement of the development objectives in the Kingdom.

Al Jazirah alerted the Arab states of a possible Israeli aggression on the northern front. Mentioning the Israeli military concentrations on its borders with South Lebanon, the paper said the matter not only created concern

but called for self-confidence, since the enemy had evil designs on the region. The paper stressed a joint plan by the Arab states which would help them in a successful confrontation of their common enemy.

Al Riyadh expressed concern over disunity among the Arab states and warned this would thwart efforts for progress and prosperity of their peoples. Resorting to personal hatred of each other and the adoption of destructive methods would only take them back to their pagan age in which the sanctification of idols was above any other consideration. It said that the "idols" of today were worse than yesterday's, since they are mad after the blood of others and are bent upon obliterating every progress in the Arab world.



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America's search for another Edison

By Robert Jones

OAKLAND, California — When David Johnson first became intrigued with the nitinol engine, he had seen only a small working model in a University of California laboratory. It was the first such engine in the world, a metal wheel turning in a bath of hot water, using the water itself as a source of energy.

Johnson was fascinated. As he watched the wheel revolving in the tub of water, it seemed to him that the design

Johnson's smudged and cluttered shop in industrial Oakland now contains a cluster of nitinol engines. Each is unique and each, as if by magic, begins to whirr contentedly when thin nitinol strips are placed in hot water.

had a certain awkwardness. The moving parts, of which there were many, did not work smoothly, and the action of the engine itself was sometimes fitful. Johnson, himself a physicist at the university, believed he could do better.

That was six years ago, and Johnson's smudged and cluttered shop in industrial Oakland now contains a cluster of nitinol engines. Each is unique and each, almost as if by magic, begins to whirr contentedly when thin nitinol strips are placed in hot water.

Johnson has become obsessed with the development of the nitinol process, which could have far-reaching applications to geothermal and solar energy. He has spent thousands of hours in his shop, perfecting models that have become increasingly sophisticated, more powerful and ever closer to a design that will be commercially viable.

Johnson is one of thousands of people in this country working on private projects that may eventually contribute to the solution of the nation's energy problem. Working alone, without the help of large corporations or universities, they have relied almost entirely on

their own resources and the belief that their idea is singularly valuable.

Last year Johnson benefited from a recent federal program designed to exploit the potential of the country's private inventors. For the first time the government, through the Department of Energy, has started to finance projects that offer promise.

The grants are not extensive, and there isn't much money. Last year some 12,000 people applied for funds and about 600 were approved. Most grants fall in the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000, with a maximum of \$50,000.

But administrators in the department's Appropriate Technology Office say a timely grant, though small, can keep a project alive. If the idea eventually results in energy savings, they say, then the country can benefit from a small investment.

"In the beginning there was the worry that the program would end up funding perpetual motion machines," said Bart Lucarelli, a technical consultant. "A lot of people were leery. We think we have proved now that there is wealth of useful ideas outside the more traditional research institutions. The genius of the individual is still working here."

In the case of the nitinol engine, the federal grant may well allow David Johnson to transform the process from a laboratory oddity to a useful tool. If he does, Johnson will have invented a far more economical engine for use with low-temperature heat from solar collectors or geothermally-heated water.

The nitinol process is based on the surprising behavior of a nickel-titanium alloy for which the process is named. Most metals react to temperature change but nitinol does so with a vengeance. A lanky spring of nitinol dipped into hot water will contract suddenly and with amazing force, a direct transformation of heat energy into mechanical movement.

By the time he applied for the grant, Johnson estimates he had invested about \$100,000 of his own time and money in the project. At that point he had proved that his models would work efficiently and smoothly, but they were still only models. Johnson needed a prototype that would produce a full horsepower.

The goal of the grant, then, was to produce engines that approached some practical size. Johnson had a number of ideas as to how larger machines might be built, but he did not have the money.

Last year Johnson was awarded \$16,500. Several approaches were tried, some successful and some not, and now Johnson believes he may have a one-horsepower nitinol engine in a year.

While Johnson's engines are one of the most exciting of the grant projects, many

others are equally ingenious. Near Santa Cruz, California, a professional clown was awarded a \$10,000 grant to develop a machine that grinds up waste from the forest floor and compresses it into burnable logs.

Richard Lineberger, the developer, says the log maker thus far has not proven economical largely because of labor costs but

electricity in the home. When the overall consumption in the home reaches a limit set by the homeowner, the computer would automatically shut down certain expendable appliances for short periods. If installed in enough homes, the developer believes such a device could reduce substantially the "peaks" in electricity demand that in recent

A small facility of this sort, would process a million gallons a day, with an energy savings over a conventional waste treatment plant of 66,000 kilowatt hours a year. The digester would produce an estimated 6.84 million cubic feet of natural gas annually.

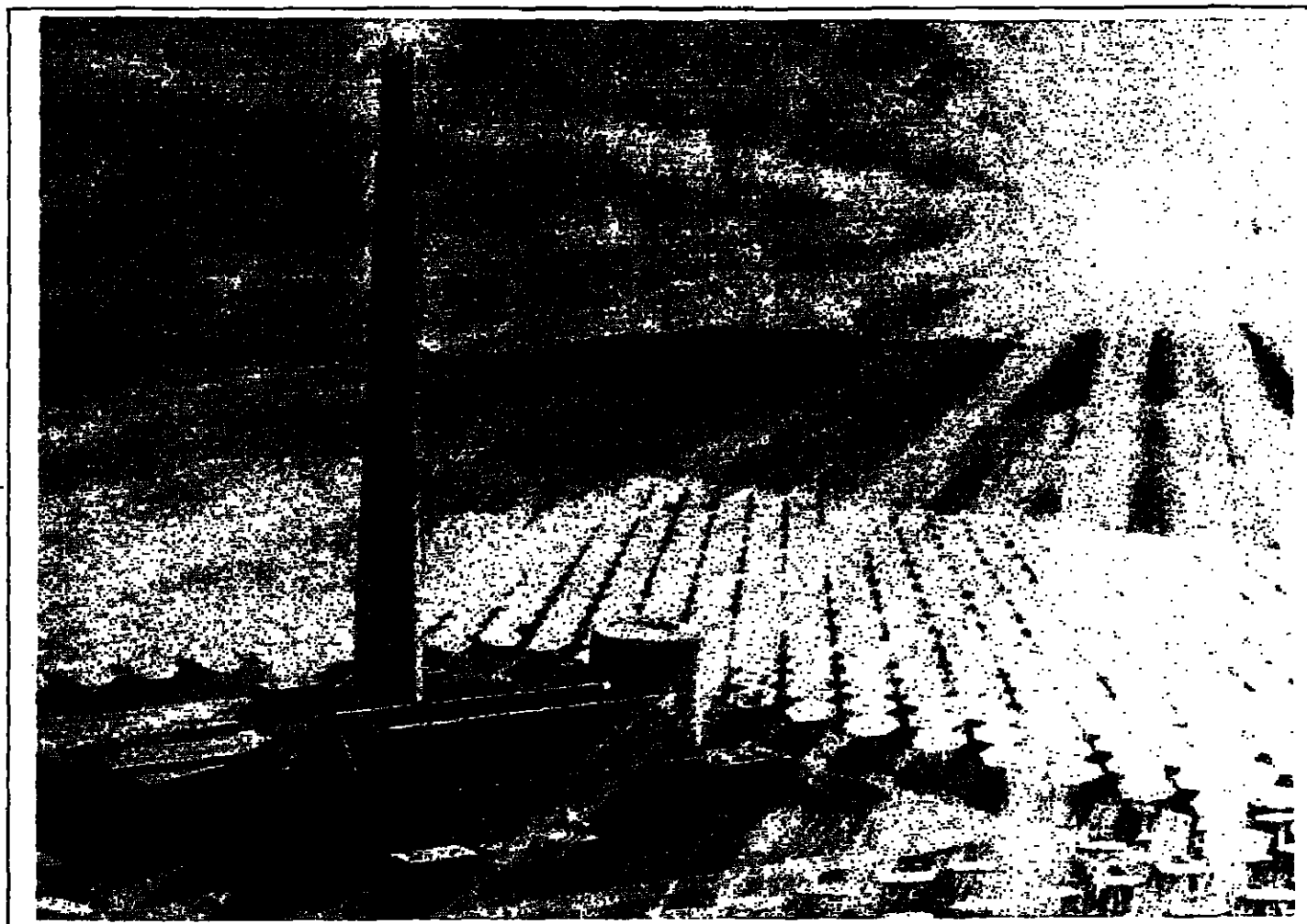
Another project with large potential savings involves a workshop in Arizona to help

bonanzas for the inventors themselves. The Department of Energy does not forbid and in fact encourages grant recipients to patent successful devices. No one yet is known to have made a fortune, but a product filling the right niche at the right time could be a bonanza.

Not all those involved in the program have been pleased with the results. In some cases grants have been so small that people have been stranded in the midst of their projects without money to complete even a prototype model.

Brad MacMillan, who won a grant for a home microcomputer, says the \$7,600 barely covered costs for the initial drawings. "I've spent an entire year running around trying to

There are thousands of people in the United States working on private projects that may eventually contribute to the solution of the nation's energy problem. Working alone, they have relied on their own resources and the belief that their idea is singularly valuable.



he believes it may find a related use in compressing logs from tree and lawn clippings in cities.

In Hawaii, a man is adapting a system he saw in Thailand in which outboard motor propellers are mounted on a long shaft trailing a boat. The long shaft works on the principle that water several feet to the rear of a boat is moving faster than that immediately behind it. Thus, the inventor believes, a propeller pushing against the fast-moving water will be more efficient and energy will be conserved.

An electronics specialist in San Francisco is building a microcomputer that would control

years have troubled utilities and required the construction of new power generators.

Other projects in the program do not involve the development of mechanical devices but rather what Lucarelli calls "a change in a process, a slightly better way of doing something." Often, he says, these more mundane projects offer the most exciting prospects for energy conservation.

A study by the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory found, for example, that the greatest energy savings among 20 selected projects are that of a proposed system of man-made lagoons to digest sewage and produce methane or natural gas.

people install a simple solar hot-water heating system. Commercial installations normally cost in the range of \$2,000 to \$3,000, but the Arizona workshop has targeted the cost of its system at \$300 to \$400.

Because its low cost would make solar heaters attractive, the Berkeley study predicted that as many as 15,000 new water systems could be installed in five years.

For all 20 projects, the study concluded that the energy savings potential was "impressive." Over their lifetime it estimated the savings at an equivalent to 9.8 million barrels of oil.

Some of the projects could turn into

get enough money to build one, just one. Pretty much I've met a stone wall."

In such a case, MacMillan argues, the government is in the position of abandoning a project without ever knowing whether the device will work or not. "You wonder whether it's a real program or a sham, just something for public relations."

Administrators concede that the lack of money often forces them to make painful choices. Last year about \$300 million was requested for 12,000 projects, but there was only \$8.4 million to distribute nationwide. Under such restrictions, many worthwhile ideas must be rejected.

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China-U.S. trade accord takes effect Saturday

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (R) — The newly approved U.S.-China trade agreement takes effect on Saturday, removing the last trade barriers between the two countries, the State Department announced.

Congress approved the pact last week in overwhelming votes reflecting U.S. anger over the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

When it takes effect, the agreement will confirm the new "tilt" toward China in U.S. policy, which was formerly based on an even-handed approach to both communist giants.

A U.S.-Soviet trade accord has been held up for five years by Congressional insistence on a formal Soviet commitment to allow freer emigration. Chinese leaders have given adequate assurances on this issue, U.S. officials said.

The agreement with China was signed last July 17 and submitted to Congress on Oct. 23.

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said that on Saturday all provisions of the agreement — including non-discriminatory tariff rates, equal to those given a "most favored nation," — would come into effect.

To expose multinationals

Ralph Nader runs magazine

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP) — Ralph Nader, a leader of consumer interests in the United States, expanded his operations Thursday into the international arena by introducing a new monthly magazine on the actions of multinational corporations.

Nader, writing in the first issue of *Multinational Monitor*, said:

"The imbalance of both power and information in favor of domestic corporations over consumers and workers is widely acknowledged."

"A far greater imbalance prevails in favor of international companies able to escape national laws, to juggle transfer prices, to concentrate wealth, to corrupt politicians, to export jobs and pollution, and to manage dozens of other types of manipulations or evasions that diminish or destroy accountability to the people they adversely affect."

Nader told a press conference that the goal

is a paid circulation of 5,000 copies within 18 months. He said other copies will be distributed to universities and that he hopes stories will be picked up by news media abroad. While *Multinational Monitor* will be published only in English for now, Nader said he hopes to have editions later in other languages.

He called the power of multinational corporations "one of the most neglected areas in journalism today" and predicted, "By the year 2000, 200 multinational companies will control 70 per cent of the world's economy."

The first issue of the magazine has a cover story entitled "Kaiser Shortcuts Ghanaian Development." The article by Nicholas Burnett says a corporation almost wholly owned by the California-based Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. reaps high profits while contributing little to the development of the African nation.

Japan external reserves reach \$21b

TOKYO, Feb. 1 (R) — Japan's external reserves rose by \$ 687 million in January to reach \$ 21.01 billion at the end of the month, the finance ministry announced here Friday.

But the reserves, mainly holdings of dollars and a small amount of gold, were down sharply from a record \$ 33.11 billion in January last year.

Japan notified of new Iran oil price

TOKYO, Feb. 1 (AP) — National Iranian Oil Co. of Iran has notified Japanese oil refiners and trading firms it will raise the price of Iranian crude by \$ 2.50 a barrel effective Friday, government officials said.

With the latest price increase, new price

for Iranian light is \$ 31 a barrel and that for Iranian heavy \$ 30.27, the officials said.

Japan imported about 170 million barrels of crude oil from Iran in 1979, accounting for about 10 per cent of Japan's total oil imports, the officials said.

A government spokesman said Greece was seeking clarification through diplomatic channels of reports in the Greek press that Greece might face an oil shortage later this year due to cuts in oil exports from the Soviet Union.

Greece hikes petrol, heating prices

ATHENS, Feb. 1 (R) — Greece has raised oil product prices, Minister of Industry and Energy Miltiades Evert said.

Petrol will go up by 10 per cent to 33 drachmas a litre (\$ 3.47 per gallon) for high octane and 7.4 per cent to 29 drachmas a litre (\$ 3.05 a gallon) for regular grade.

Central heating fuel rises by 18.2 per

U.S. airlines receive Senate support

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (R) — The U.S. Senate has passed a bill giving the government more power to act against foreign countries which discriminate against U.S. airlines. The bill, intended to increase international aviation competition, gives the Civil Aeronautics Board the right to suspend or revoke landing rights and fares of foreign airlines whose

governments place what the board sees as any unreasonable restrictions on U.S. airlines.

Any such action by the board would be subject to review by the President.

The bill, which was passed by voice vote, now goes to the House of Representatives.

Mexico denies oil production rise

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1 (AP) — Despite rumors to the contrary, Mexico has no immediate plans to increase its oil production, cabinet official here said.

Jose Andres De Oteyza, secretary of natural resources and industrial development, told reporters that the previously announced maximum of from 2.25 million

to 2.5 million barrels a day would remain in effect and that "when another decision is made it will be announced at a high level."

He said President Jose Lopez Portillo considers Mexico's oil production a stepping stone to development and not an end in itself.

U.N. sends food to Africa refugees

ROME, Feb. 1 (R) — The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) has announced grants of food aid worth \$ 3.3 million for Ethiopian refugees in Somalia and \$ 1.3 million for Ugandans and returning Sudanese in Sudan.

Somalia will receive 6,000 tons of wheat flour, vegetable oil and milk powder and a

cash subsidy of \$ 120,000 for transport costs to help Ethiopian refugees over the next three months.

A communique from WFP headquarters here referred to 332,000 Ethiopians living in 21 camps spread over five regions of Somalia.

British energy use increases 3.4%

LONDON, Feb. 1 (R) — Despite a government "save it" conservation campaign, British energy consumption rose by 3.4 per cent in the three months September to November 1979 compared with the same period the previous year.

The energy department, giving the fig-

ure, blamed cold weather for the rise, reflected in a 6.5 per cent increase in the use of coal.

The department also said Britain produced 19.8 million tons of oil from the North Sea during the September to November period last year.

Soviets deal with S. Africa to break U.S. trade embargo

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 1 (AP) — The Soviet Union, hurt by the U.S. grain embargo, is trying urgently to buy fertilizer ingredients from South Africa, the *Beeld* newspaper reported.

The Soviets are willing to pay more than \$100 per ton above market prices for the fertilizer materials, but want to avoid any written record of the sale, the *Afrikaans* language newspaper said.

The Soviets ostracize this country's white minority government, and South Africa broke relations with the Soviet Union more than 10 years ago. The South Africans accuse the Soviets of training and supplying black nationalists seeking to overthrow the Pretoria government.

However, there have been unofficial business deals between the two countries involving diamonds and Rhodesian chrome.

Market gains in active trading

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 — Stocks continued to make gains in active trading Wednesday giving up some earlier gains in late afternoon trading recovering its losses. The DJII closed up on the day 7.51 to 881.91. The DJIT up 3.65 to 280.82 and the DJIU up 1.52 to 109.27. Volume of trading: 51.3 million shares. Advancing issues led declining issues 902 to 620 with 377 issues unchanged the AMEX closed at 276.37.

Among the most advanced issues on the day Clark Oil refining 5 to 36 1/2, Freepore Minerals 4 1/2 to 64 1/2, Texas Inst. 4 1/2 to 107 1/2, Schlumberger 4 1/2 to 106 1/2, Texas Pacific Land Tr. 4 1/2 to 98 1/2, Of Ohio 4 1/2 to 102 1/2, Murphy Oil 4 to 106 1/2, Cities Service 3 1/2 to 98, Atlantic Richfield 96 1/2 up 3 1/2 and Rio Grande Indus. 3 1/2 to 44 1/2. Among the most declined issues on the day, Data Terminal Systems 5 1/2 to 30 1/2, ASA Ltd. 2 1/2 to 50 1/2, Shell Oil 1 1/2 to 65, Hezethon corp. 1 1/2 to 27 1/2, Louisiana Pacific 1 1/2 to 23 1/2, Itek Corp 1 1/2 to 31, Unilever Ltd 1 1/2 to 40, Winn Dixie-B 1 1/2 to 38 1/2, Sperry Corp 1 1/2 to 58 1/2 and Baxter Labs 1 1/2 to 41 1/2.

Energy issues were the movers on the day. Mesa Pete up 2 to 64, Std. of Ind. up 1 1/2 to 88, Mobil up 2 1/2 to 58 1/2, Halliburton up 2 1/2 to 98, Hushes

Beel said South African fertilizer magnate Louis Luyt was willing to sell the fertilizer materials, valued at more than \$100 million, but would not agree to the condition that invoices not mention South Africa.

The Soviet offer was made through intermediaries in Morocco, *Beeld* said.

Morocco and South Africa are the world's largest exporters of phosphates, a main ingredient of fertilizer. Industrial sources in South Africa say Morocco may not have enough phosphates to meet the Soviet needs.

These sources said the Soviets may buy the South African phosphates through Morocco to avoid political embarrassment.

The Soviets need the fertilizer to boost their agricultural output.

Luyt said, "It is not our policy to comment on possible contracts or prices, especially in sensitive areas." The Soviets reportedly were seeking to buy 370,000 tons.

Tool up 1 1/2 to 59 1/2 and Utd. Energy Resources up 2 1/2 to 70 1/2. Growth and glamour closed mixed J and J down 1/2 to 75 1/2, Merck up 1/2 to 69 1/2, Avon dropped 1 1/2 to 36 1/2, Digital Equip. up 1 1/2 to 74 1/2, Motorola down 1 1/2 to 58 1/2, Hewlett Packard up 1/2 to 69, McDonalds up 1/2 to 24 1/2 and Procter and Gamble down 1/2 to 72 1/2. Basic industry issues were also mixed. Inland Steel up 1/2 to 32 1/2, U.S. Steel 1/2 to 19 1/2, Allied Chem. 1 1/2 to 57 1/2, Dow 1 1/2 to 35 1/2, Basic Cascade off 1/2 to 37 1/2, Auto issues, Ford up 1/2 to 33 1/2 — GM up 1/2 to 55 1/2 — gaming issues, Bally up 1/2 to 33 1/2, Caesars World up 1/2 to 17 1/2 and resorts incl. up 1 1/2 to 33 1/2.

Aerospace issues were gainers. Boeing 1 1/2 to 68 1/2, Raytheon 2 1/2 to 82 1/2, General Dynamics 4 1/2 to 84 1/2. Rail issues, Burlington No. up 1/2 to 69, and Southern up 1/2 to 63 1/2. Electric equip., GE up 1 1/2 to 56 and Westinghouse up 1 1/2 to 55 1/2 — metals, Alcan up 1/2 to 61 1/2, Kaiser up 1 1/2 to 22 1/2, Newmont Mining 1 1/2 to 53 1/2 and Phelps Dodge up 1 1/2 to 40 1/2.

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Italian Lira (10,000)	42.00	41.00	41.95
Lebanese Lira (100)		103.25	102.65
Syrian Lira (100)		82.00	86.60
Egyptian Pound		4.59	4.52
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Jordanian Dinar		11.45	11.45
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Yemeni Rial (100)		—	74.10
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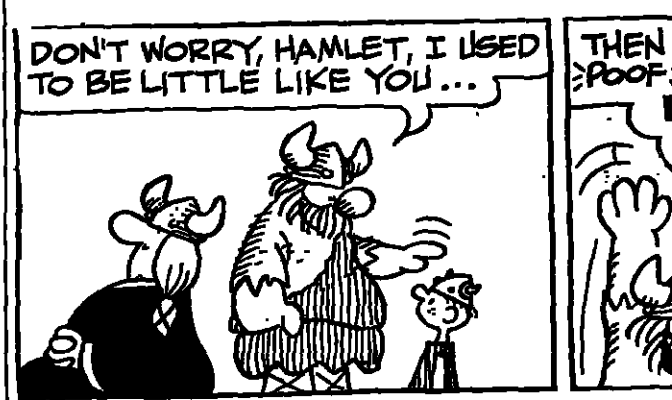
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1 Concert of Kail Jack

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11 Cartel

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15 Stratagem

16 Washington city

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18 Wee bird

19 Wire measure

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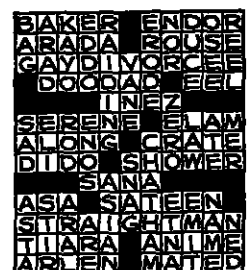
31 Skilled deer

32 Just about there

33 His name means "young lion"

34 Her name means "princess"

35 In a reasonable manner



Yesterday's Answer

18 Insect

21 Sham

22 Biblical city

23 N.A. city

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26 With care

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29 Perfect

30 Ornate headpiece

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Opening lead - ace of spades.

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East-West had already played half the afternoon session when they encountered this deal. During that time they had accomplished the unenviable feat of losing no fewer than seven aces during the play (mostly on defense).

They were naturally discomfited by the time they came to play this hand. North-South got to six hearts in jig style, mostly due to North's overoptimistic five heart bid.

It was back in the days before Blackwood came in vogue.

Trying desperately to recover some points for his side, East doubled. His two aces looked colossal to him.

West, on lead, promptly plunked down the ace of spades, announcing jubilantly: "Well, here's one ace we won't lose."

West was mistaken. South trumped the ace and proceeded to make the slam. He led a heart to the eight, discarded a club on the king of spades, then led the king of clubs and ruffed East's ace.

Warning to his last, declare crossed to dummy with another trump, cashed all five of dummy's remaining clubs - which luckily were divided 3-3 - and discarded all five of his diamonds on them. As a result, he wound up making the doubled contract with an overtrick!

Of course, had West led any suit but a spade, South would have gone down one and West's words would not have achieved immortality. As it was, though, East-West, who had started the deal having had seven of their aces put to sleep, finished the hand with three more aces to add to their collection.

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Medina	5:47	7:06	12:43	3:52	6:11	7:31
Nejd	5:12	6:34	12:09	3:19	5:38	7:08

DHAHRAN TV

4:30	Children's Show	Electric Company No. 473
5:25	Family Hour Festival	A Home Run For Love
	Safety Film	Pedestrians
6:11	Big Valley	Danger Road
7:07	All In The Family	603
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2:30	Hits in Germany	1:30	Melody Makers
3:00	NEWS	11:00	Youth Welfare
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3:15	Music	11:15	Hot Rock
3:20	Islamic Activities	11:45	The Golden Age
3:30	Leaps and Bounds	12:00	Imp. Com & Recollections
3:40	Music	12:10	Music
3:50	Close Down	12:15	Mood Music
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10:00 Opening

1:00 Close Down

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	VOA WORLD REPORT
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8.00	World News	4.09	Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
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8.30	Sarah Ward	5.15	Report on Religion
8.45	World Today	6.00	Radio Newsreel
9.00	Newsdesk	6.15	Outlook
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1988

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Forget about work problems and relax. Enjoy social life, but avoid dangerous do-it-yourself projects. Share ideas with friends.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

New career thoughts have good potential, but avoid mixing business with pleasure. Instead, nurture your thoughts; let them develop.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Your mind's on far horizons. Make travel plans, but don't complicate your schedule by trying to fit in too many diverse activities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)

You have new business ideas, but don't be in such a rush to implement them. Not a time for hasty agreements, purchases or sales.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)

Talks and shared activities with loved ones bring joy. Don't spoil it all with a touch of jealousy. Watch a tendency to argue about money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You're in the mood to do extra work at home. Your plans for improvements are good, but don't carry the whole work load by yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You want everything to go well between you and a loved one. However, don't be afraid to bring up a problem if necessary for peace of mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

A contentious guest could upset you. Save your mental energy for new plans re domestic interests. Don't be so intense re romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Neighborhood visits are preferable to inviting others over. Avoid disputes about business matters. Don't be rushed into signing papers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Money could come from a creative project. Showing your work to others though could arouse jealousy. An adviser's manner could urk you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Share thoughts re cultural matters. Avoid hazardous exercise. A lighter approach serves you well in the romantic department.

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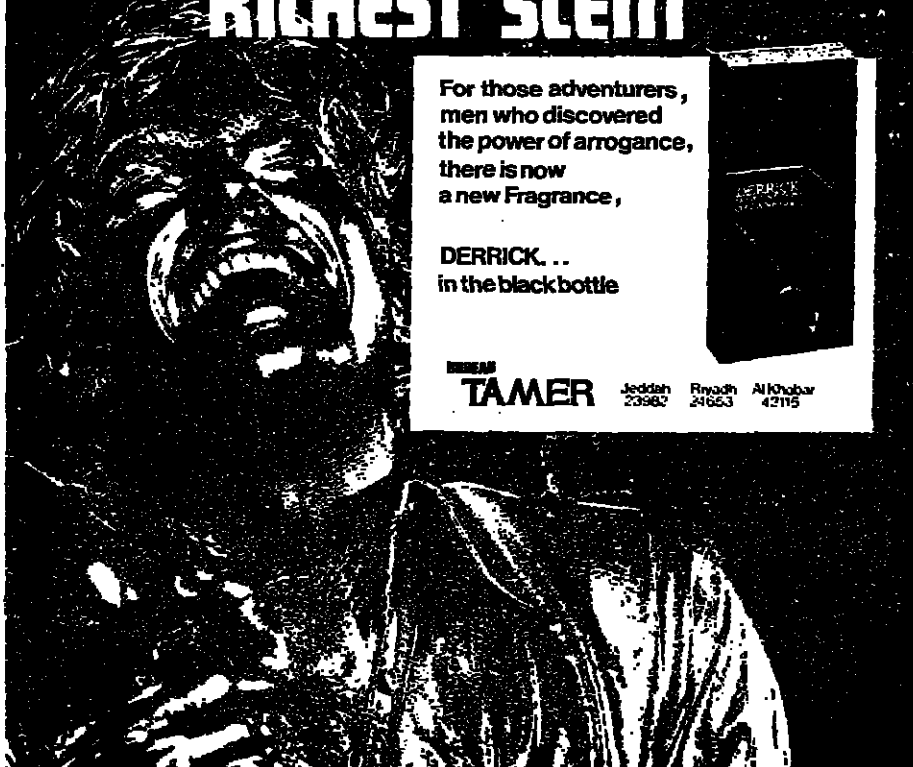
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International

Trick will prolong crisis, Iranian says

OTTAWA, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — The smuggling of six Americans out of Iran by Canadian diplomats will delay the freeing of 50 American hostages held in the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Muhammad Adeli, acting Iranian ambassador has said.

Adeli told reporters Thursday the United States and Iran had made arrangements for an international tribunal to investigate the alleged crimes of the former Iranian leader, Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi. That would have led to the release of the hostages, he said.

But the Canadian trick, which he described as a flagrant violation of international convention, will delay release of the hostages, he said.

He said there has been an agreement, reached through intermediaries, between the U.S. and Iran on the tribunal.

But he was vague about why the United States, which he said inspired the Canadian smuggling incident, and Canada would purposely set back such an agreement through the escape episode over the weekend.

Adeli also said: — A letter of apology from Prime Minister Clark, which Iran says was sent to the Iranian government, will eventually be made public. Clark has denied sending any letter.

— Some Canadians have called the Iranian embassy here expressing support for the Iranians following the latest episode. About 10 Canadian businesses and elsewhere were seeking contracts in Iran at the moment.

— The Iranian government plans no threats or reprisals against Canadian diplomats abroad.

— Iran is still willing to sell oil to Canada but not through American multi-national oil companies.

Adeli said the "government of Canada is to be blamed and held responsible for giving in to American pressure" and helping the American diplomats escape from Iran.

The six U.S. diplomats, who escaped from Iran last week are in good spirits and thankful for Canada's role in aiding their escape, Delaware Governor Pierre Du Pont said after meeting them at the Dover, Delaware, air base.

"Their spirits were excellent," said Du Pont of the four men and two women. "They were very thankful and proud at what our good neighbors to the north have done."

In Tehran hundreds of thousands of Iranians marched through the streets of Tehran Friday to celebrate the first anniversary of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini's return from 15 years of exile.

In a vast demonstration called by Islamic groups, crowds gathered at the north Tehran Mehdi Reza hospital where the 79-year-old Ayatollah has spent the last nine days recovering from a minor heart ailment.

They then marched in bright sunshine down the capital's Mossadegh Avenue chanting "Allah, protect Ruhollah" to the university, where tens of thousands more Muslim faithful were already assembled for Friday prayers.



NEW SCIENCE CHIEF: Cury J. Marchuck, 54, a mathematician who heads the Siberian branch of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, has been named to replace Vladimir A. Kirillin as chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology, according to a Tass report. Kirillin was relieved of his duties last month.

Meanwhile, a divided U.S. Appeals Court refused to reconsider a decision upholding the government's authority to deport Iranian students who are in the United States illegally.

The U.S. Court of Appeals voted 5-4 to sustain the December 27 ruling of a three-judge appellate panel, which said the deportation program ordered by Carter was a legal government response to the U.S. embassy seizure in Tehran.

Spain cuts Guatemala ties after embassy attack

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Feb. 1 (AP) — The Spanish government decided Friday to break diplomatic relations with Guatemala because of a police attack on peasants occupying the Spanish embassy in Guatemala City that ended in the death of 39 persons, the Spanish news agency EFE reported.

The Guatemalan government blamed all the deaths on a fire bomb set off by one of the peasants.

The report from Madrid said Premier Adolfo Suarez and his cabinet decided on the break after a report from Ambassador Maximiliano Cajal y Lopez that the police attempt to storm the embassy had not been requested and was "intolerable."

Two former high-ranking Guatemalan government officials, five members of the embassy staff and all 32 peasants were killed, the Guatemalan government announced.

The Spanish news agency EFE said Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja in Madrid and Cajal y Lopez repeatedly asked police not to enter the embassy.

The news agency said the Spanish government was holding the Guatemalan government fully responsible for the police action.

"I believe they are responsible for the events that followed. I cannot confirm that the police actually fired shots because I was in an inside room, but I heard shots..." Lopez said.

"The police action was brutal," said Lopez, who escaped through window with minor cuts Thursday afternoon as the police tried to

smash in one barred doors of the second-floor embassy.

Presidential press spokesman Carlos Toledo Vielman told a news conference the militants occupying the embassy set off a gasoline bomb when the police attacked, and the fire killed all those inside.

The peasants, from the northern region of Quiche, came to the embassy before noon Thursday demanding to see the ambassador. Once inside, they barricaded the doors. Police were called and surrounded the two-story building before they made their attempt to break in.

Police cordoned off the area and took positions on the first and third floors of the building isolating the second floor offices of the mission.

Two hours later, eyewitnesses said, police broke into the second floor and moments later an explosion was heard, followed by the fire.

A man watching from a restaurant across the street said he saw "bodies on fire through a window."

"We filmed at least 14 bodies, all burned, said a photographer for the television news program 'Aqui el Mundo.'"

The dead included former Guatemalan vice president Eduardo Caceres Lenhoff and former foreign minister Adolfo Molina Orantes. They had come to the embassy to discuss a coming Hispanic-American conference.

Also dead was Jaime Ruiz de Abol, 41, the embassy first secretary.

Guerrillas hit British 'bias,' threaten new Rhodesian war

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 1 (Agencies) — The Rhodesian Patriotic Front (PF) has accused Britain of interfering in the campaign for pre-independence elections this month, and warned that it might resume the guerrilla war.

PF representative Tirivafi Kangai told the U.N. Security Council Thursday that Britain had invited South African troops to Rhodesia, thereby creating conditions in which free elections were impossible.

Kangai said the British had demonstrated bias in favor of Rhodesia's white minority and moderate black leaders, and said: "If no corrective measures are taken soon, we shall not have any alternative but that of continuing armed liberation struggle."

The Security Council began debating charges by African countries that Britain has violated the terms of an agreement, concluded in London in December, which ended the bush war and 15 years of unilaterally-declared independence.

Meanwhile, Cuban President Fidel Castro on Thursday attacked British efforts in Rhodesia, claiming Britain was working to maintain "racist rule" in the African country.

Castro's statement, read to the conference in New Delhi of the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development (UNIDO), surprised delegates including

those from Britain who requested an opportunity to reply to Castro's charge.

"The aspirations of the people of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) that seemed guaranteed by the agreements of Lancaster House, are threatened by the complicity of the British government with the forces that encourage the perpetuation of racist rule through a neo-colonial situation," said the Cuban leader without elaborating.

A British delegate, Kenneth Windsor, told a reporter afterward: "This is not a conference to discuss this sort of matter. In our reply, we will simply point this out."

Castro, who earlier indicated he would attend a 19-day development conference, said he was forced to cancel the trip because of his responsibilities as a non-aligned leader facing the current international crisis and because of the "increased pressure, hostility and threats suffered by my country."

In another development, former Prime Minister Ian Smith said white Rhodesians may have to support guerrilla leader Joshua Nkomo to prevent Marxist Robert Mugabe from winning the independence elections.

Smith's statement, in an interview, was a sharp shift from his all-out opposition to either leader of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance.



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6 policemen die in Basque attack

BILBAO, Spain Feb. 1 (AP) — Basque terrorists ambushed and killed six national policemen Friday in northern Spain, police said.

Authorities said it was the bloodiest attack in the 140-year history of the national police, known in Spanish as the Guardia Civil.

It also was the most costly attack on police since the death of Dictator Francisco Franco. One month before Franco died in 1975, anti-government guerrillas killed five policemen in attacks in Madrid.

The terrorists involved in Friday's attack used submachine guns to riddle a police bus escorting a van carrying small arms and technicians. The technicians were unharmed and forced out of the vehicle.

The terrorists then drove off with the

van, loaded with three mortars and more than 50 hand grenades, but the van was later found abandoned with the arms inside.

The van had been headed for test firing at a beach by the town of Lequeitio near Bilbao.

Police immediately blamed the ambush on the Basque separatist organization ETA, which launched an offensive against Basque local elections scheduled next month. In 1979, ETA's leftist guerrillas killed more than 70 persons, most of them police and military men.

Friday's ambush brought to 19 the number killed in political violence in the Basque region so far this year, including five victims by right-wing extremists who have vowed to kill four Basque nationalists for every policeman slain.

Gold 'quiet,' dollar called strong

LONDON, Feb. 1 (R) — The dollar was strong, the pound was strong and gold was quiet on the world's currency and bullion markets Friday.

Dealers said they thought there was less anxiety on the markets about international tensions over the Afghanistan and Iranian crises and this was helping to stabilize trading.

Gold, which has seen spectacular price rises in the recent politically tense weeks, peaking at \$875 an ounce, was trading peacefully at around \$680 on European bullion markets Friday afternoon.

Thursday it closed at \$646 in Europe, then rose to \$687.5 in New York Thursday night, before falling back to \$665 after fluctuating widely in Hong Kong earlier.

Meanwhile, the strength of the dollar was trimmed slightly by profit-taking and some dealers said they detected small-scale intervention by central banks to sell dollars and soften its position against continental European currencies.

Dealers said the currency markets, like the bullion ones, were quiet.

The pound sterling continued strong, mainly because of confidence in Britain's North Sea oil wealth and feelings of optimism that the current steel strike in Britain might be ended soon following more talks Thursday night between employers and workers.

The pound traded at 2.2710 dollars Friday afternoon, compared with 2.2675 Thursday night.

The dollar traded at 1.7455 West German marks (compared with 1.7443 Thursday night), 1.6370 Swiss francs (1.6370), 4.0892 French francs (4.0838) and 240.30 yen (239.22).

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 683.50
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Zurich 676.00
Hong Kong 663.62.

60 nations to pull out, U.S. says World wavers over Carter's Olympic call

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP) — The movement that started in the United States to use the Olympic games to protest the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan has spread around the world.

President Jimmy Carter wants the games moved, postponed or cancelled unless Soviet troops are out of Afghanistan by Feb. 20. The United States Olympic Committee has agreed to put his requests before the International Olympic Committee, the only group with authority to change the planning of Olympic games.

U.S. State Department officials have predicted that 50 to 60 countries will support Carter's call to move the Olympics from Moscow in protest against Soviet actions.

Here is how other parts of the world have responded to Carter's call:

Africa — The nations of black Africa decided jointly through their sports council to attend the Moscow games.

Argentina — Argentina Olympic Committee President Col. Antonio Rodriguez said Argentina will not boycott the Moscow games. He said organizations have other means of putting pressure on the Soviet Union.

Austria — Counsellor Bruno Kreisky says his government was in no position to give orders to sports organizations about participating in the games and advised a wait-and-see attitude.

Australia — Australian Olympic Federation decided to pass along to the IOC the government's request that it boycott the games since no other national committee had made an unequivocal decision to boycott.

Belgium — Raoul Mollet, chairman of the Belgian Olympic Committee, says he opposes boycott and will try to make sure athletes are not placed under political pressure.

Brazil — Brazil's top Olympic official rejected the idea of boycotting the games.

Britain — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is unofficially calling for a boycott of the games if they are held in Moscow. Sources say she has made it clear she does not want British athletes traveling to Moscow, but the final decision is up to the British Olympic Association.

Canada — Prime Minister Joe Clark asked Canadian athletes to boycott the Moscow Olympics if Soviet troops did not leave Afghanistan by Feb. 20, the deadline set by Carter.

Chile — Says it will boycott the games. First recommended by President Augusto Pinochet and approved unanimously by the Chilean Olympic Committee. It is the only country that has previously entered the games that has stated flatly that it will not attend the Moscow games.

Communist China — China said it would support the cancellation of the summer Olympic games or their removal from Moscow as a result of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Cyprus — Will participate in the Moscow games. It was one of the few non-aligned nations that abstained in the U.N. General Assembly vote demanding the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

Denmark — Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen has said the Danes would go to Moscow unless it turned out that they would be the only Western nation there.

Egypt and Fiji — Say they will go along with whatever the United States decides to do.

Finland — The Finnish Olympic Federation said it will participate in the games.

France — The French Olympic Committee's position remained unclear. Earlier it said it had decided in principle to accept the invitation to the 1980 games. But Wednesday, Claude Colliard, president of the French Olympic Committee, said the French decision to participate had not been sent to Mos-

cow. The committee has called on the IOC to consider the Greek government's offer a permanent site for the Olympic games.

Greece — A spokesman for the Hellenic Olympic Committee said Greece will "undoubtedly" participate at Moscow.

India — "Sports and politics should be kept separate. It is against the spirit of the Olympic movement to mix the two," says Indian Olympic Association President Air Marshal O.P. Mehra.

Islamic nations — Islamic foreign ministers meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan, called on member states to consider a boycott in protest to the intervention in Afghanistan.

Italy — Italian National Olympic committee announced it will take part in the Moscow games unless the IOC decides otherwise. The government said it was concerned about Afghanistan and the crackdown on dissidents, but did not want to interfere with sports.

Japan — The Japanese government told the Japan Olympic Committee that it "was desirable" that the IOC boycott the 1980 Moscow summer Olympics, a government spokesman said Friday.

The spokesman said the government asked the IOC to act in close concert with Olympic committees of other countries in making its final decision.

Luxembourg — Proposed that Western nations send "second-rate" athletes to the Moscow Olympics Prime Minister Gaston Thorn put forward the proposal, saying that it's "the only realistic compromise solution."

Malaysia — The foreign minister has said he will recommend a boycott, but no final action has been taken.

Mexico — Mario Vazquez Rana, president of the Mexican Olympic Committee, said Mexico would not back a boycott of the Moscow games and intends to send 50 or 60 athletes.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen
The continuing campaign in the U.S. for complete equality between the sexes brings to mind the age-old problem of conjugal relations.

The American women are concentrating their energies on amending the Constitution to give them equality with men. They claim men are giving them a beating. They don't mean this literally, of course, because if they did their opponents would reveal cases in which the victim was a man.

There evidently are instances in the West where women beat men, but in the Orient a husband who claims his wife beats him is like the wolf accusing the lamb of being a bully.

The woes of the henpecked husband are probably best left to the cartoonist. Nevertheless, we want to consider the grievances of men, especially Westerners, against their women. Another time — true to the principle of equal treatment — we will discuss the problems of wives.

Just as in the West to say "He wears the pants" points to a man's manhood, in the Orient a man shouts into the face of his rebellious wife, don't you know who wears the robe in the house? A Westerner, however, complained that though he wears the pants in the house they're invariably hidden behind an apron, while another said his wife wears not only the pants but the whole suit.

The plight of Westerner and Oriental is almost identical. The harassed husband in both places cries that his wife is invariably furious and always has her say. The man who boasts that he always gets the last word doesn't tell you what he said was "I'm sorry!" When such a man says he made his wife bow down, his friends know that she probably did, but only to look for him under the bed.

One man admitted he could win over his wife only if he pretended to be a weakling, a nonentity. Another said the only time he and his wife agreed was by coincidence. When this man heard his wife say she wants to move from the coast to the mountains because the sea breeze bothers her, he wondered how the sea breeze could dare do that.

When an oppressed man decided that it was time to take the upper hand, he bought a book entitled *How to Become the Master of Your Home*. But his wife forbade him to read it and scolded him for buying it without asking permission. This man was the forgetful type. He couldn't seem to remember that his wife lived a dual life — hers and his.

When he complained about his wife, a friend asked him why he married her, upon which he said she had a million-dollar figure. Heaving a sigh, he said: "Now you know how inflation begins." Muttering to himself, he said his marriage reminded him of Julius Caesar. But how? He replied, "I came, I saw, and then I broke."

Despite all this, the last word remains with the woman. We shall speak about the woes of women soon, for after all, we are with them and for them, and are incomplete without them — since we are cowards.

Translated from Ashraf Al Aysat



President Carter

Former French official wounded

PARIS, Feb. 1, (R) — Gunmen shot and seriously wounded former French cabinet minister Joseph Fontanet outside his Paris home early Friday, police said. Fontanet, 59, was shot in the back and in the shoulder, apparently with a heavy calibre pistol, by gunmen who escaped, police said.

Fontanet had retired from the forefront of the political scene after holding port-folios in several French cabinets between 1959 and 1974.

He was labor minister between 1969 and 1972 and education minister between 1972 and 1974.

Fontanet was a leader of the center of democracy and progress movement, a centrist political group with Christian Democrat leanings.

In 1977, he made a brief incursion into journalism when he directed a short-lived pro-government daily *L'Inform* which unsuccessfully attempted to challenge the opposition *Le Monde* as France's leading evening quality newspaper.

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